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OF THE
WORKS

OF THAT

Antient, faithful Servant of JESUS CHRIST,
THOMAS CHALKLET,
WHO
Departed this Life in the Island of *Tortola*,
the fourth Day of the Ninth Month, 1741.

To which is prefix'd,

A JOURNAL of his LIFE,
TRAVELS, and CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCES,
Written by HIMSELF.

*I will send those that escape of them unto the Nations, to Tarshish, Pull, and
Lud, that draw the Bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the Isles afar off,
that have not heard my Fame, neither have seen my Glory; and they shall
declare my Glory among the Gentiles. Isaiah lxvi. 19.*

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I had, that were the same, as I had said (before) to the same
that have not been my friend, and I have been my friend, and I have
decline my duty among the Gentiles, which I do.

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THE
TESTIMONY
OF THE
Monthly-Meeting of FRIENDS
IN
PHILADELPHIA,

Concerning our Antient, Worthy FRIEND,

THOMAS CHALKLET, deceased.

THE *Christian* Experiences of the Faithful being useful to direct such as are desirous of following them in the Paths of true Religion and Virtue, and their good Examples shining with the greatest Clearness, when they have, with the Flesh, put off all human Infirmities; Justice to their Memory, and a Concern for the Benefit of their Survivors, demand our grateful Remembrance of them, and the contributing our Endeavours to render their Labours useful to Posterity.

These Considerations engage us to preface the Writings of this our esteemed Friend and Elder in the Truth, with this Testimony concerning him.

He was a Member of our Monthly Meeting above Forty Years, so that some of us had Opportunities of being intimately acquainted with him, and of knowing his Fidelity and Diligence in promoting the Cause of Truth, and the Edification of the Church of *Christ*; this having been the principal Engagement and Concern of his Mind, and which he preferred to any other Consideration; as will evidently appear to those, who, with an honest and unprejudiced Intention, peruse his Journal of his Life and Travels,

By this it will appear, that he was, in the early Part of his Life, sensibly affected with the Visitation of divine Life and Grace, and, by adhering thereunto, was preserved from the Vanities and Follies, which often divert and alienate the Minds of Youth from the due Remembrance and awful Regard of their Creator; so that he was enabled to bear a Testimony of *Christian* Patience and Self-denial in his youthful Days, and, by keeping under that Exercise, as he advanced in Years, attained to further Knowledge and Experience in the Work of Religion, in which he had a Sight of the Necessity of keeping in a State of Humility, and of bearing the Cross of *Christ*, which mortified him to the World; so that the Loss many sustain by the anxious Pursuit

suit of the lawful Things thereof appearing to him, he was concerned to avoid it, and in Obedience to the Precept of *Christ*, *To seek first the Kingdom of God, and his Righteousness*, having Faith in his Promise, *That all these Things* (necessary for him) *should be added*.

Thus the Love of God influencing his Mind, and opening his Understanding, he became concerned for the general Good of Mankind, and received a Gift of the Ministry of the Gospel of *Christ*, before he had attained the Age of Twenty-one Years; in the publick Exercise of which, he soon after travelled thro' many Parts of *England*, and into *Scotland*, and the next Year, being 1697, he came to visit Friends in this and the adjacent Provinces of *America*, where his Ministry and Conversation were to the Comfort and Edification of the Faithful (as some of us can with Satisfaction declare, from our Knowledge and Remembrance of him at that Time) and the near Fellowship and Union he then had with Friends here (we believe) contributed to his more speedy Determination of settling among us, which he afterwards thought it his Duty to do, tho' the leaving his Parents and Relations (as he afterwards expressed) was no small Cross to him, being of a dutiful and affectionate Disposition.

After fixing his Residence amongst us, he persever'd in his Concern and Labour for the Edification of the Churches, and gathering People to Faith and Dependence on the inward Teachings

of *Christ*, and for that Purpose only he travelled many long Journies and Voyages through the several *English Colonies* on this Continent, and most of the Islands in the *West-Indies*, and in *Europe*, through *England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Holland, Frizeland*, and several Parts of *Germany*, and the adjacent *Northern Kingdoms*; and in many of these Places his Ministry and religious Labours were blessed with the desired Success, of which there are yet some Witnesses living, and others who were convinced of the Principles of Truth by his Means, became serviceable Members of the Church, and continued therein to the End of their Lives.

But as the wise King *Solomon* formerly observed, that *One Event cometh to the Righteous, and to the Wicked*, so it happened to this good Man, who met with various Losses and Disappointments in his temporal Estate; after which, the Circumstances of his Affairs engaged him to undertake some Business, in the Management of which he was obliged to cross the Seas frequently: This, however, did not abate his Zeal and religious Care to make use of all Opportunities of visiting the Meetings of Friends when among them, and of calling, at other Times, to such who might be accounted as *the Outcast of Israel, and the Dispersed of Judah, or as Sheep not yet of the Fold of Christ*; and his Services of that Kind are worthy to be commemorated, having been often productive of good Effects.

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His Patience was remarkable in Disappointments and Afflictions, of which he had a large Share; and his Meekness, Humility and Circumspection, in the general Course of his Life and Conversation were conspicuous and exemplary; and as he frequently exhorted and admonished others to the Observation and Practice of the many excellent Precepts and Rules of *Christ*, our Lord and Law-giver, and more especially those expressed in his Sermon on the Mount (which contains the Sum of our moral and religious Duties) so he manifested himself to be one of that Number, whom *Christ* compared to the wise Builder, who laid a sure Foundation; so that his Building stood unshaken by the various Floods and Winds of Tribulations and Temptations he met with, both from within and without.

He was a Lover of Unity amongst Brethren, and careful to promote and maintain it, shewing the Example of a meek, courteous, and loving Deportment, not only to Friends, but to all others, with whom he had Conversation or Dealings; so that it may be truly said, *That few have lived so universally beloved and respected among us*: And it was manifest this did not proceed from a Desire of being popular, or to be seen of Man: For his Love and Regard to Peace did not divert him from the Discharge of his Duty in a faithful Testimony to those that professed the Truth, that they ought to be careful to maintain good Works; and he was often concern'd zealously to incite and press Friends to the Exercise

of the good Order and Discipline established in the Wisdom of Truth, by admonishing, warning, and timely treating with such as fell short of their Duty therein, and by testifying against those who, after loving and brotherly Care and Endeavours, could not be brought to the Sense and Practice of their Duty; and thereby he sometimes shar'd the Ill-will and Resentment of such Persons.

The several Essays he wrote on religious Subjects at Sea, are further Proofs that his Mind was principally engaged in the great Business and Concern of Religion; and as he continued under the same Engagement to the End, we are fully persuaded the Words, with which he concluded his last publick Testimony on the Island of *Tortola*, may be truly and properly applied to him, *That he had fought a good Fight, and had kept the Faith, and, we doubt not, he now enjoys a Crown of Righteousness.*

Much more might be truly said of his Integrity, Faithfulness and Worth, but we do not think it necessary; our chief Intention being to express our respectful Remembrance of him, and our Unity with his Labours and Services, and in order to assure those, to whom he was not personally known, of the Truth of what he has himself wrote of his Life and Travels; for we believe, as he was a Man signally influenced with the Spirit of universal Love and Good-will to Mankind,

kind, this was his chief Motive for writing; and we are sincerely desirous that his good Design may be answered, and that the Glory of every good and perfect Work may be attributed to that divine Power alone, which can qualify others to supply the Places of those faithful Ministers and Servants of *Christ*, who have been of late Years removed from among us, and are of that Number, of whom it is written, *Blessed are the Dead, which die in the Lord, from henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their Labours, and their Works do follow them.*

Signed on Behalf, and by Appointment of the Monthly-Meeting of Friends in *Philadelphia*, the Twenty-eighth Day of the Second Month, 1749, by

ISRAEL PEMBERTON.

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the Spirit, that they may rest from their Labours,
and their Works be followed them.

Signed on behalf and in Appointment of
the Monthly Meeting of Friends in Phila-
delphia, the Twenty-seventh Day of the
Second Month, 1740.

JOSEPH FARRINGTON

THE JOURNAL
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OF THE
LIFE, LABOURS, TRAVELS, &c.
OF
THOMAS CHALKLET.

HAVING great Cause to acknowledge the Regard and Protection of Divine Providence in the several Stages of my Life, I think it may be of Service to others, to leave behind me the following Account of my Life and Travels.

I WAS born on the Third Day of the Third Month 1675, in *Southwark*, and descended of honest and religious Parents, who were very careful of me, and brought me up in the Fear of the Lord; and oftentimes counselled me to Sobriety, and reprov'd me for Wantonness; and that light Spirit, which is incident to Youth, they were careful to nip in the Bud: So that I have Cause to bless God, through Christ, on the Behalf of my tender Parents.

And I may not forget the Dealings of God with me in my very tender Years. When between eight and
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1684: ten Years of Age, my Father and Mother sent me near two Miles to School, to *Richard Scoryer*, in the Suburbs of *London*. I went mostly by myself to the School; and many and various were the Exercises I went through, by Beatings and Stonings along the Streets, being distinguished to the People (by the Badge of Plainness which my Parents put upon me) of what Profession I was; divers telling me, *'Twas no more Sin to kill me, than it was to kill a Dog.*

Rotherhithe.
Parish in
Southwark.

About this Time the Lord began to work strongly on my Mind by his Grace, insomuch that I could not forbear reproving those Lads who would take the Name of the Lord God in their Mouths in vain, reminding them of the third Commandment, *Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his Name in vain*; and of Christ's Saying, *Every idle Word that Men shall speak, they shall give an Account thereof in the Day of Judgment*; for which I was mocked and derided by some, and others would sometimes refrain from such bad Words when I reproved them.

One Time I remember I was amongst some Men, one of whom I had reprov'd, and he told the rest of it, and turned to me, and said, *That I was no Christian*, and asked me, *when I said the Lord's Prayer?* I asked him, if he said it? He said, Yes. I then asked him how he could call God Father, and be so wicked as to swear and take God's Name in vain? which I had heard him often do; and I told him what Christ

1685. said to the Jews, *Your are of your Father the Devil, because his Works ye do*; and that those that did the Devil's Work could not truly call God Father, according to Christ's Doctrine. So being convicted in their Consciences that what I said was true, they were all silent, and wondered that I, being so young, should speak in such a Manner; in which I remember I had great Peace and good Satisfaction: And from thenceforth these Men let me alone.

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Notwithstanding I hated to hear wicked Words, I 1685.
 loved Play exceedingly, being persuaded that there was no Harm in that, if we used no bad Words. One Time I was at Play at a Neighbour's House with the Children, and in the midst of my Sport I was reach'd to with strong Convictions, insomuch that I could not forbear Weeping. The Childrens Mother observing that I wept, said, *Why do you weep, Tommy?* I told her I could not tell, except it was because I was a naughty Boy. *Oh!* said she, *don't believe him, for that's the Devil tells you so, for you are the best Boy in all our Street.* But I knew I was told the Truth by Conviction, and that she was mistaken: For I plainly understood by clear Conviction, and by the holy Scriptures (which I had been train'd up in the Reading of) that I was too vain and wanton; for I loved *Musick, Dancing,* and playing at *Cards*, and too much delighted therein betimes, and was followed with the Judgments of God therefore in the Secret of my Soul.

What I did in those Sports and Games, I always took care to do out of the Sight, and without the Knowledge of my tender Parents; for I was afraid of their Reproofs and Correction, the which I was sure to have, if they had any Intelligence of it.

I remember that, unknown to my Parents, I had bought a Pack of Cards, with Intent to make use of them when I went to see my Relations in the Country, where there was Liberty in the Family so to do, at a Place called *Woodford*, about seven Miles from *London*, where I got Leave sometimes to go; and at the Time called *Christmas*, I went to see them, and five Miles on my Way went to a Meeting, at a Town call'd *Wanstead*; at which Meeting, a Minister of *Wanstead*. Christ declared against the Evil of Gaming, and particularly of Cards; and that the Time which People pretend to keep Holy, for Christ's Sake, many of them spend mostly in Wickedness, Sports, and Games; even some

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some pretending to be Religious: And, generally speaking, more Sin and Evil is committed in this Time, than in the like space of Time in all the Year besides; so that the Devil is served instead of honouring Christ. From this Meeting at *Wanstead*, I went to the House of my Relations, where the Parson of the next Parish lodged that Night, who used to play at Cards with them sometimes; and the Time drawing near that we were to go to our Games, my Uncle called to the Doctor, (as he called him) to me, and to my Cousin, to come and take a Game at Cards; at which Motion I had strong Convictions upon me not to do it, as being Evil; and I secretly cry'd to the Lord to keep me faithful to him; and lifting up my Eyes, I saw a Bible lie in the Window, at the Sight of which I was glad. I took it, and sat down, and read to myself, greatly rejoicing that I was preserved out of the Snare. Then my Uncle called again, and said, *Come, Doctor, you and I, and my Wife and Daughter, will have a Game at Cards, for I see my Cousin is better disposed.* Then he looked upon me, and said, *He was better disposed also.* So their Sport for that Time was spoiled; and mine in that Practice for ever; for I never (as I remember) play'd with them more, but as soon as I came Home, offer'd my new and untouch'd Pack of Cards to the Fire. And of this I am certain, the Use of them is of evil Consequence, and draws away the Mind from Heaven and heavenly Things; for which Reason all Christians ought to shun them as Engines of Satan: And *Musick* and *Dancing*, having generally the same Tendency, ought therefore to be restrain'd from. The Sentiments of the *Waldenses*, a People in great Esteem among *Protestants*, are worthy the Consideration of all true *Protestants* and *Christians*; which were "That as many Paces, or Steps, as the Man, " or Woman takes in the Dance, so many Paces or " Steps they take towards Hell."

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I very well remember the Work of God upon my Soul, when I was about ten Years of Age; and particularly at a certain Time when I had been rebelling against God and my Parents, in Vanity and Lighthearts: And as I had offended both, so I was corrected by both: For I had not only the Anger of my Parents, but the Lord frown'd upon me, insomuch that I trembled exceedingly, and was as tho' I heard a vocal Voice say to me, *What will become of thee this Night, if I should take thy Life from thee?* At which I was amazed, and in great Fear. Then I covenanted with God, that if he would be pleased to spare my Life (for I thought God would have taken my Life from me that very Moment) I would be more sober, and mind his Fear more than I had done before.

Nevertheless I broke Covenant with God my Maker, my Adversary tempting me so to do, telling me I was but a Child, and that it was natural for Children to be brisk and to play, and that God would wink at my Childhood and Youth, and it was time enough for me when a Man, to become religious. But still God followed me with his chastising Rod, and often put me in Mind of my Covenant that I made with him in my Distress; and that he had granted my Request which I then made to him; and unless I would take up a Cross to my own corrupt Will and Inclinations, he should take me out of the World. Then, Oh then! I cried, *Lord help, or I die! Save me, or I perish for ever!* I cannot keep thy Covenant, nor do thy Will, without thy Help and Assistance! And indeed if the Lord had not helped, I had been undone for ever.

So I continued bow'd down in my Mind, calling on the Lord; thinking and meditating on Heaven and heavenly Things: But, as I am sensible, I had an inward Enemy that always sought my Hurt and Overthrow, I have Cause to bless God, who by his Grace (as mine Eye was turned to it) helped me to do his Will,

1685. Will, as he was pleased to manifest it to me, so that thereby some Change was wrought on me, both inwardly and outwardly.

And I then began to delight in Reading and Sobriety, which before were irksome to me: And when I read the holy Scriptures, I desired that God would open them to my Understanding, which he did to my Edification many Times. I also begged earnestly of the Lord, that he would be pleas'd to be with me, and make me like to those his Children and Servants, of whom I read in the holy Scriptures, who faithfully served him all their Days. And when I read of the Crucifixion of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus CHRIST, it would break my Soul into Tenderness. I thought it was enough to awaken and humble any Soul that was well-meaning, and had any Sense of the Power, Love, and Grace of Christ. Thus I went on for several Years, feeling that Peace which passeth natural Understanding, which many Times accompanied my poor and needy Soul: And being advanced

1690. to about 14 or 15 Years of Age, I remember that I used to shun the Cross of speaking in the plain Language (which I always read in the holy Scriptures) to those whom I conversed with, except my Father and Mother, who would not allow me to speak otherwise: I was convicted in my Conscience that it was not right to play the Hypocrite after that Manner; and on a certain Time I had Occasion to speak with an Officer, a great Man in our Neighbourhood, and my Heart moved within me for fear I should shun the Cross of Christ; For it was Christ's Language to all, as we may read in the New Testament; and the Scriptures, from *Genesis* to the *Revelations*, speak Thee and Thou, to a single Person in a general Way.

Shad-
Thames,
Southwark.

So I took up the Cross, and said *Thee* to him; and he was much affronted, and said, *Thee! what dost thou Thee me for?* I soberly asked him, if he did not say Thee to his Maker in his Prayers? and whether

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ther he was too good, or too great, to be spoke to in the same Language in which he address'd the Almighty? Unto which he made no Reply, but seem'd to fall from his Passion into Admiration, as one smitten in himself. And he bore me Respect ever after; and I greatly rejoiced that I was preserved faithful. Tho' it may look like a little Thing to some, yet I found it good (as the Scripture saith) *not to despise the Day of small Things.* 1690.

About the twentieth Year of my Age, I was pressed and carried aboard a Vessel belonging to a Man of War. I was put down into the Hold in the Dark, not having any Thing to lie upon but Casks; and what made it worse to me, I was among wicked, debauched Men; and as we were shut up in Darkness, so was their Conversation dark and hellish. In the Morning (for which I longed more than the Watchmen) the Lieutenant called us up on Deck, and examined us whether we were willing to serve the King. He called me to him, and asked me, *If I were willing to serve his Majesty?* I answer'd, that I was willing to serve him in my Business, and according to my Conscience; but as for War or Fighting, CHRIST had forbid it, in his excellent Sermon on the Mount; and for that Reason I could not bear Arms, nor be instrumental to destroy or kill Men. Then the Lieutenant looked on me, and on the People, and said, *Gentlemen, what shall we do with this Fellow? he swears he will not Fight.* The Commander of the Vessel made Answer, *No, no! he will neither Swear nor Fight.* Upon which they turn'd me on Shore. I was thankful that I was delivered out of their Hands; and my tender Parents were glad to see me again. 1694.

Now as I grew in Years, the World began to take too much Root in me; and my unwearied Enemy would tell me that it was lawful enough (and indeed I see that he hurts many with lawful Things, with

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1694. whom he knoweth the unlawful Things will not take) and here I had been lost if God had not been gracious to me. But he, in whose Presence I delighted, withdrew, and deprived me of that Enjoyment which was graceful and comfortable above all Things to my Soul. Then did I pray, with Tears, O that it might be with me as it was at other Times before! and I was willing to let the World go, rather than Grace and God's Glory. The *Psalmist* saith, *No good Thing will be withhold from them that walk uprightly*, *Psal.* lxxxiv. Verse 11.

1695. About this Time there was a great Concern on my Mind, rightly to distinguish between the Voice of Christ, and the Whisperings of Satan, and thus it open'd to me: That Christ, the Truth, always speaketh Good, and for a good End, and that there is divine Life to the Soul in this Speaking; but the Devil never speaks Good, unless sometimes for a bad End, and then not Good in Reality, only colour'd with a good or fair Shew.

And keeping under this Exercise, the Lord appear'd to me again, and many Times refresh'd my Heart with his Goodness. And when I was in my Business amongst Men, I did witness the holy Ghost, the Comforter, to be near me; which was more to me than all the World, or the Riches, Glory, and Beauty of it; the Love of God being so sweet to my Soul and Spirit, my Breathings, Prayers, and Supplications, were to the Lord, that my Neighbours, Acquaintance, and Relations, might also partake of the like precious Faith and Love which I enjoy'd; and that the Children of Men might answer that great and good End for which the Lord did create them; which is, that Glory, Honour and Praise, might ascend and be given to him.

I had such a Sense and Fear of Dishonouring God, that I often, with Tears, cry'd, Never let me live to dishonour Thee. Oh! it had been better for me, that

THOMAS CHALKLEY.

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I had never been born, or my Mother's Womb had been my Grave, than that I should live to dishonour Thee, or wilfully reproach the Name of Christ, who, with the Father, is only worthy of divine Honour. 1695.

In this Concern I felt the Gospel Power of our Lord Jesus Christ to work upon my Soul, and the Word of God was as a Seed in my Heart, growing and opening in me, speaking to me, and making my Understanding fruitful in the Things of his Kingdom; and in that Ability which was given me of God, through his Grace and holy Spirit, I exhorted People to Repentance and Amendment of Life; and I always humbly desir'd the Help and divine Influence of God's eternal Word therein. Oh! I did fervently pray, that I might minister the Gospel in the Power of Jesus; for I clearly discern'd in the Light of the Son of God, that all Minist'ring out of Christ's Power, was neither edifying nor efficacious unto Souls: Therefore I did earnestly beseech God for the Continuance of the Gift of his Spirit, that I might be enabled to preach the Gospel in the Power of Christ Jesus. The Concern that was upon me on this Account at that Time, is hard to be express'd in Words.

The latter End of the Year 1695, my Father sent me into *Essex*, on some Business, which, when I had accomplished, I visited some Meetings of Friends there, and my Mind being much affected with the Apprehension of an impending Storm, (the Nation being about this Time threatened with an Invasion from *France*, in favour of the late King *James*, so that there was Expectation of much Bloodshed and Confusion in the Land) I wrote a Letter to my Parents, and another to Friends of the Evening-meeting (kept Weekly at my Father's House) expressing my great Thankfulness to the Almighty, in Remembrance of the many precious Visitations of divine Love and Favour we had been made Partakers of, to the uniting our Hearts to him, and to one another; and my earnest Prayers

1695.

and Supplications, that we might be preserved in true Love, and the Unity of the Spirit, which is the Bond of everlasting Peace, and that the World might be made sensible of this true Peace, which abounds in those who love and fear the Lord, and truly believe in the Name of Jesus: *Oh! surely they would then depart from Sin, and abandon Iniquity, by which they incur the Wrath of the Lord, and provoke the just One to Anger; so that the Line of Confusion seems to be stretched over the City and Nation, and the Eye of the Faithful seeth it to the Grief of their Souls. Yet the Mercy of the Lord, even of the just God (who will render a just Reward to every one according to his Deeds done in the Body) is still banded forth to the Land. Oh that the Inhabitants thereof would consider their Ways, and be wise, and turn to the Lord with unfeigned Repentance, while the Day of Mercy lasteth, before it be said, Now it is hid from thine Eyes, for the Lord, even the God and Father of Spirits, hath said, My Spirit shall not always strive with Man, for that he also is Flesh, Gen. vi. 3.*

1696.

On the Expiration of my Apprenticeship, having served my Father faithfully seven Years, I entered more strongly into Covenant with my heavenly Father and Master, to serve him all my Days, thro' his Assistance; and was soon after drawn forth, in the Spirit and Love of Christ, to visit the Meetings of Friends Westward from London, viz. thro' *Surry, Sussex, Hampshire, Wiltsire, Devonshire, and Cornwall*, to the *Land's End*; in which Journey I was accompanied by *William Hornould*. At one of our Meetings at *Falmouth in Cornwall*, two Men (called Gentlemen) came from the Inn to hear the Strangers; and after Meeting, they said they could take their Oaths that I was a Jesuit, and that they had heard me preach in a *Romish Chapel in France*; which was utterly false: For I never was in *France* in my Life: Besides, had I been

been a *Papist*, or *popishly* inclin'd (which I was not) 1696.
I was too young to be a *Jesuit*.

Indeed I thought I was mean for the Work of the Ministry, but the good Remembrancer brought those Truths to my Remembrance, which strengthened me in the Work and Service of God. *The Spirit breatheth where it listeth; Out of the Mouths of Babes and Sucklings thou hast perfected Praise, &c.* We having great Peace in our Labours in this Journey, and being edify'd therewith, return'd to *London*, after about four Months Absence from Home.

And after I had been two Weeks at Home, my dear Mother departed this Life, in a sweet Frame of Spirit, praising the Lord. She was one who lived the Life of the Righteous, and whose latter End was like theirs, and left a good Report behind her, being well beloved (I think I may safely say) by all our Neighbours; not only by those of our own Society, but others also, to to whom she was often very helpful. 1697.
London.

So I went to my Calling, and got a little Money, (a little being enough) which I was made willing to spend freely, in the Work and Service of my great Master Christ Jesus. And about this Time I was concerned to travel into the North of *England*, and Part of *Scotland*, which I did in that Ability God gave me; and that Dispensation which I had freely received, I freely handed forth to the People, devoting my Strength and Time to serve him (that had done so much for me) and I had the Satisfaction to find divers confessing the Truth, as it is in Jesus. In this Journey I was from Home about four Months, being mostly alone as to any Yoke-fellow in that Work, travelling many Hundreds of Miles, being as far as *Edinburgh*, in *Scotland*, *Edinburgh* where our Meeting was in the Street, we being lock'd out of our Meeting-house by the then Power, and great Numbers of People were there. This News being carried to the Provost of the City, he said, *The Quakers would do more Hurt out of Doors, than within,*

1697. *within*, and he ordered Friends their Key. Since which I have understood that Friends in that City have enjoyed their Meetings in the Meeting-house; and sometimes when the Rabble have disturbed Friends, the Magistrates have sent Officers to disperse them.

Now after I had visited the Churches of Christ in divers Parts of *England*, and had many sweet Seasons of God's Love, and good Opportunities with my Friends and others in this Nation; (the Word of Life being declared in the Simplicity of the Gospel, in several Places People were very open-hearted, and received the Testimony of it with Gladness.) And after I had been at my Father's, and at my Calling, a little after this North-country Journey, I found myself engaged in the Love of the Gospel to visit Friends in *America*; and having acquainted my Friends and Relations of my Mind (they being willing to give me up) in order for the Voyage, Friends of the Monthly-meeting gave me a Certificate, and I had another from the Meeting of Ministers in *London*.

My Father, and several other Friends with me, took Boat from *London*, and accompanied me to *Gravesend*, on the 21st of the 10th Month 1697, and I went on board the Ship *Josiah*, *Thomas Lurting* Master, and sail'd that Day from *Gravesend*, and got to the *Downs* the next Day, where we tarried some Days for a fair Wind; in which Time several others that were concern'd in the same Gospel-labour, came on board, viz. *Thomas Turner*, *William Ellis*, and *Aaron Atkinson*. In about four Days Time the Wind was fair for us, and we set Sail, and in a little Time we got out of Sight of the Land; soon after which the Wind was contrary, and we proceeded but a small Distance for several Weeks; the Weather was rough and the Sea boisterous, so that with the Motion thereof, most of the Passengers were Sick. In this Time we lost a Lad, that fell into the Sea (as he was drawing a Bucket of Water) and was drowned; the Ship running swiftly, he could not be saved,

saved, although it was speedily endeavoured. Several others died before we got over ; but for the most Part we were healthful. The Lord be prais'd, he was, is, and will be, with those that faithfully serve him to the End. 1697.

We were three Ships in Company, but by Distress of Weather, soon after we came out, we parted. After we had been at Sea about eight Weeks (on the 25th of the 12th Month) we saw two Vessels astern of us. One of them came up with us, and the People hailed us, and told us they came from *Bristol*, and had been out ten Weeks. The other came up with us next Day. The People informed us they had been at Sea seven Weeks, and that they had a dreadful Time of it. She had lost Part of her Topmast, and her Spritsail Topmast was gone. She was a new Ship, and never at Sea before, belonging to *London*, and bound for *Virginia*, as near as we could understand: Our Ship lost none of her Tackling, thro' the great Mercy of God to us, tho' the Wind and Sea was wonderful high at Times ; the Mate told me, I might go to Sea all my Life, and not see the like ; he said he had been at, or used the Sea, twenty Years, and never saw it so rough and high before. We had Meetings twice a Week, several of which were comfortable and refreshing Meetings, to which most of the Passengers, being in all about Sixty in Number, sometimes came ; and several of them were affected with the Sense of Truth, and the Lord strengthened our Faith and Hope in him.

Oh for ever blessed be the living and eternal God, who kept my Soul above the Fear of Death, Hell, and the Grave ; for my Trust was in him, and he did bear up my Spirit above the Waves of the Sea ; and in the Time of Tossing with Tempests, I was comforted and chearful, praising the Lord in my Heart, both in the Day Time, and in the Night Season:

I was much concerned in my Mind, for many of the Passengers, who with the second Mate, and several of

1697. the Seamen, were very sick (by some it was thought near unto Death) I cried to the Lord to heal them, in the Name of his dear Son, and that it might be a Means to convince them of the Efficacy of Love to, and Faith in Christ Jesus, the Physician of Value; and the Lord was pleased to heal them. The Mate of the Ship desired that I would come and pray by him. I went to him, and prayed in the Power and Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Lord helped him; that he said he was fine and easy, and thanked me for my Love; and in a little Time he recovered. Several others of the Seamen and Passengers I was instrumental to help in their Sickness. The Lord blessed my Endeavours in supplicating him, on their Behalf, and administering what I had to them. One of the Seamen said, *He was bound to pray for me as long as he lived, and that the Lord would bless me.* Another of the Passengers said, *That I was the blessed Doctor* (for there was not a Surgeon, or Doctor in the Ship.) I was very free to communicate of what I had to any sick Person in the Ship, and several blessed the Lord on my Behalf. Indeed I thought I could scarce do enough for any that were in Distress. I write not thus, that I might seem popular, but with my Mind bowed before the Lord. Many Times in this Voyage there were Consultations in my Mind, whether I had best write a Memorandum hereof; but at last conceiving in my Spirit that it might strengthen and excite Love to God, and Faith in his beloved Son, in true Believers, I wrote as aforesaid; and then I was satisfied, and gave the Glory to God.

Before we came to the Land, we saw a Ketch which had saved the Lives of some that belonged to a Ship that was a little before foundered in the Sea; Who said also, that a Fleet of *New-England* Ships who had been upon that Coast, by stormy Weather, were forced to *Barbadoes*, and within a few Days after we saw the Land of *Virginia*, and also a *New-England* Ship, who

who sailed or came from *England* three Weeks before 1698.
 us. We arrived within the Capes of *Virginia* the 31st ^{Capes of Virginia.}
 of the 1st Month 1698, and overtook the *John* and
Margaret, a Ship that came out of the *English* Channel
 with us (the Master, *Thomas Salmon*, being dead) and
 the next Day we anchored our Ship at the Mouth of
Patuxent River in *Maryland*, where our Boats were
 hoisted out, and we were rowed up *Patuxent* River
 twelve Miles, to *Arthur Young's* House, where we
 lodged that Night; and for our Preservation and safe
 Arrival, we bless'd the Lord our God, and my Spirit
 praised him who lives for ever and ever. Our Voyage
 was above twelve Weeks, it being then Winter Time,
 and for the most Part the Winds so high, that the
 Ships could carry but little Sail, which made our
 Voyage the longer.

About four Days after we landed, we had a Meeting
 near *Patuxent* River: And a blessed one it was! When <sup>*Patuxent*
River, in
Maryland.</sup>
 it was ended, we went (that Night) to *Daniel Raw-*
lings, and from thence to the *Clifts*, to *Richard John's*,
 a Friend that came with us from *England*, at whose
 House we had a Meeting, wherein God's Presence was
 powerfully felt. We had several Meetings on that
 Side the Bay called the *Western Shore*, and then we
 sailed over to the East Side of *Chesapeak* Bay, with
Thomas Everden, in his Sloop, went to his House,
 and had a Meeting, where many People came. Here
 we met with our Friends, *Jonathan Tyler*, *Henry Pay-*
ton, and *Henry Payton's* Sister. While I was at this
 Friend's House, there was one *Robert Catbing*, who
 being very ill, sent for *Thomas Everden*, and he (not
 being very well) desired me to visit the sick Person.
 So I went, and the Man was near to Death. Howbeit
 he said he was comforted much with the Visit, and
 that he never had received so much Benefit by the Pa-
 rish Priest in his Life: *Although*, said he, *it cost me*
dear for what I had; and if ever I live to get over
 it, by the Assistance of God I shall have nothing to do
 with

1698. *with them more. But, he said, he should not live three Days.* And before the End of three Days he expired. He desired (if I were not gone) I would be at his Funeral. On Notice hereof, about ten Friends went; and there was a great many People, among whom we had a good Opportunity, and many weighty Truths were opened to them in the Love of God; and some of them were tender and wept; and the most, if not all (I think I may say) were solid and weighty.

From *Thomas Everdens's* House we went to *George Truit's*, at whose House we had a Meeting. This Friend and I went to an *Indian* Town not far from his House, because I had a Desire to see these People, having never seen any of them before. When we came to the Town they were kind to us, spoke well of Friends, and said they would not cheat them (as some others did.)

From *George Truit's*, in *Maryland*, we went down to *Virginia*; and in *Accomack* and *Northampton* Counties we had large Meetings, and I hope they were effectual to many; I think my Hope is not without Ground. In those Parts we had several Meetings, where we were informed Friends had not had any before. And really I cannot but bless the Lord for the Opportunities we had with the People; for the Goodness of God, through Christ our Lord, was great, both to us and them, and with Tears they did acknowledge the Truth. Now *Thomas Turner*, who had hitherto accompanied me, went by the Sea Side the nearest Way to *Philadelphia*; and afterwards I had a Meeting at *George Truit's* Brother's, and on the first Day, another near the Court-house, and went to *Thomas Everden's*, and so to *Levin Denwood's*, and thence to *Nanticoke* River, and visited Friends up the Bay until I came to the River *Choptank*, about which there is a pretty many Friends. So I went on, and took the Meetings till I came to *Philadelphia*, in
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and about which Place, and in other Parts of the Province of *Pensylvania*, I had many large and precious Meetings, the Power of the eternal Son of God being wonderful, in which Power we many Times blessed his Name together. It was in my Heart much to exhort Friends to Love to God, and to Unity one with another, without which there is no fulfilling the Law or Gospel. There are many Friends in that Province, and many sober young People, which greatly rejoiced my Spirit; so that for their Encouragement, the Lord opened my Mouth in a prophetick Manner to declare unto them the Blessings which he had in Store for them, on Condition of their Walking in the Truth. Glory to God on high; Untruth decays, and the Branches of it mightily wither; the Darkness is much past, and the true Light shineth gloriously in many Souls. O powerful Praises be given to God, who is Light for ever!

From *Philadelphia* I went to *Burlington*, and so to *Croswicks*, where we had a large Meeting under the Trees, where some were convinced of the Truth. From hence I went to *Shrewsbury*, and had Meetings there: From *Shrewsbury* we went (mostly by Water) to *Woodbridge* and *Staten-Island*, from thence to *Long-Island*, being accompanied by several Friends. On *Long-Island* we had several large and good Meetings, wherein Christ was preached freely; and after we had been two Weeks there, we went on board a Sloop bound for *Rhode-Island*, and by the Way we touched at *Fisher's* and *Block Islands*, and on the first Day Morning we set sail from *Block-Island* to *Rhode-Island*, the Yearly-meeting being just over when we got there. That Evening we sailed over to *Connanicut-Island*. On the third Day of the Week had a Meeting there, and from thence we went over to *Narraganset*, and had a Meeting, and so over to *Rhode-Island* again (where *Ruth Fry*, a sober young Woman, was convinced, and remained a Friend till her Death.) Here I met with several

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1698. several travelling Friends. From the Island we went over to the Main, and had a large Meeting on first Day, at a Place called *Greenwich*. It was thought there were about five Hundred People, and many of them were tender. We went over the same Night to the Island; and after several open Times with Friends and others on *Rhode Island*, about twelve Friends of that Island went with me to *Warwick* and *Providence* Yearly-meetings, in our Friend *Borden's* Boat. We set Sail about Noon, and having but little Wind, it was late in the Night before we got there, and very dark, infomuch that we could neither see nor know one another, but only by our Speech, and the Dark-ness occasioned us to run our Vessel against the Rocks; but at last we got on Shore (with our Horses) and after going over a very dirty Slough, we entered a dismal Wilderness; so that these Difficulties occasioned our not getting to the Friend's House till the next Day, which, being the last in the Week, we had a Meeting; and on the first Day we had a large and satisfactory Meeting. Many of us were so united in the Love of God, that it was hard for us to part one from another.

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and Providence.*

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Salem.
Hampton.*

From *Providence* I went to *Boston* and *Salem*; where I had Meetings, and from thence to *Hampton*. In those Parts God Almighty hath shortned the Power of Persecutors, and hath brought his righteous Judgments upon them for their Unrighteousness. Oh! that *New-England's* Professors might live in the Sense of the same, and repent. I being a Stranger and Traveller, could not but observe the barbarous and unchristian-like Welcome I had into *Boston*, the Metropolis of *New-England*. Oh! what pity (said one) it was, that all of your Society were not banged with the other* *Four!* In the Eastern Part of *New-England* God hath a Seed left of his People.

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* Marmaduke Stevenson, William Robinson, Mary Dyer, and William Leddra, who were put to Death in 1659 and 1660.

From thence I returned in order to get a Passage to the Isle of Nantucket; and from a Place called *Cushnet*, we sailed over to the said Island in about ten Hours, where we tarried several Days, and had Five Meetings. The People did generally acknowledge to the Truth, and many of them were tender-hearted. Some of the Ancient People said, *Nantucket*, *That it was never known that so many People were together on the Island at once.* After the first Meeting was over, one asked the Minister (so called) *Whether we might have a Meeting at his House.* He said with a good Will, *We might.* This Minister had some Discourse with me, and asked, *What induced me to come hither, being such a young Man.* I told him that I had no other View in coming there, than the Good of Souls, and that I could say with the Apostle, that a Necessity was laid upon me, and *Wo would be to me if I did not preach the Gospel.* Then said he, *I wish you would preach at my House in GOD's Name.* So next Day we had a Meeting at his House; and on the first Day we had the largest Meeting that we had on the Island. It was thought there were about two Hundred People. The Lord in his Power did make his Truth known to the Praise of his Name. Oh! how was my Soul concerned for that People! The Lord Jesus did open my Heart to them, and theirs to him: They were also loving and kind to us. The chief Magistrate of the Island desired that I would have a Meeting at his House, there being no settled Meeting of Friends before I came; and after Meeting he disputed about Religion with me. I thought we were both but poor Disputants; and I cannot remember all that pass'd between us, but that in the Close of our Dispute, he said, *I disputed with your Friends in Barbadoes, and they told me, That we must eat the spiritual Flesh, and drink the spiritual Blood of Christ: And, said the Governor, Did ever any one hear of such Flesh and Blood; for*
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1698. *is it not a Contradiction in Nature, that Flesh and Blood should be spiritual?* O surely, said I, the Governor hath forgot himself; for what Flesh and Blood was that which Christ said, *Except ye eat my Flesh, and drink my Blood, ye have no Life in you.* Why, said he, *I don't think they were to gnaw it from his Arms and Shoulders.* Then I told him, he had answer'd himself. Thus our Dispute ended. [And from that Time forward they have continued a Meeting, and there is now a Meeting-house, and a Yearly Meeting for Worship, it is a growing Meeting to this Day, and several publick Friends are raised up amongst them, who preach the Gospel of Christ freely.]

At this Time a Friend was convinced, whose Name was *Starbuck*, who became very serviceable, and lived and died an eminent Minister of Christ on that Island. Several Scores of them came and accompanied us to the Water Side; and when we embarked on board our Sloop, they desired that I would come and visit them again. So I recommended them to the Grace of our Lord Jesus, and we parted in great Love and Tenderneſs. In the Evening of the next Day we got to the Main Land, where we were gladly received. Now it was in my Heart again to visit the Eastern Parts of *New-England* before I left *America*; therefore I went to *Boston* Yearly-meeting, thence to *Lynn* and *Salem*, where we had a sweet comfortable Time; likewise to the Yearly-meeting at *Dover*, and so to *Piscataway*, where we had several Meetings, which were profitable Opportunities to many. From *Piscataway*, *James Goodbridge* and I went over to the Isle of *Shoals*; we had with us a Church-member of the *Presbyterians*, whose Brother invited her over with us to the said Island, to the Meeting which was at his House; and while he was talking with her in the Yard or Garden, I saw a Bible, and took it, and read therein. When she came into the House she asked me, *What I did with that Book?* I told her, *If she was offended I would lay it down.* No, No, said she, *don't*

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don't think to come off so, for you disown or deny that Book. I told her, *She was mistaken*; and asked, *Who told her so? Why*, said she, *our Minister in his Pulpit*. I replied, *That it was a great Abuse upon us, for I had been trained up from my Childhood in the Reading and Belief of the Scriptures, and my Father and Mother were Friends (that is, Quakers.)* She willing to try me further, said, *Did your Father and Mother suffer you to read the Bible when you were a little Boy?* Yes, said I, and gave me Correction when I was not so willing to read therein as they would have me. Then, said she, *Our Minister has bely'd you; and since you say so, if it please God, I will go and hear you.* She went with us to Meeting; and after it was over (going Home) one asked her, *How she would answer it to their Minister, for going to Meeting.* She replied, *It was a Truth she had heard, and she would stand by it through the Grace of Christ, and need not be ashamed of it* (though we are of ourselves but poor weak Creatures.) This Woman was sober and religious, and one of good Report. By the foregoing we may see how Slanders flow from some Pulpits; the more is the Shame and Pity! We went on, and preached the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in that Ability he gave us, with which the People were affected, and would have had us tarried longer, but we could not (although they much importuned us) because we had appointed a Meeting at *Oyster River*. After we had had several Meetings about *Piscataway* and *Dover*, we went to *Hampton*, where we had Meetings; and at *Salisbury* we had a large open Meeting, as it was suppos'd, of about three Hundred People (which was at this Time accounted a great Concourse of People thereabouts;) also at *Jamaica* and *Haverill* we had Meetings, and from thence went to *Salem* and *Lynn* again, where we had good Service for Truth, and then to *Boston*, and had a Meeting at the Meeting-house, and another at a Friends House in the Evening, at which there

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1698. there were many People. From *Boston* I went to visit Friends about *Cape-Cod*, till I came again to *Rhode-Island*. By the Way I met with *Aaron Atkinson*, who was on a Visit to Friends in *New-England*. I had several good Opportunities, and powerful Meetings, in those Parts, and Truth wrought a Tenderness in divers at *Rhode-Island*. The Presence of him, who said, *Where two or three are met in my Name, there am I in the midst of them*, being sensibly witnessed by many; for he was with us of a Truth. From thence I went round the *Narraganset* Country, and had Meetings at several Places, and was accompanied by *John Rodman* and *William Beackly*, thro' *Connecticut* to *Long-Island*, which is accounted two Hundred Miles. We had one Meeting by the Way, in which Christ was preached to them, as he is the *Light of the World*, at a Place where we were told there never was a Friend's Meeting before. I came to *Long-Island* about two Weeks before the General Meeting, and visited Friends in several Places on this Island, as at *Hampstead*, *Jerusalem*, *Jerico*, and *Bethpage*, where there were large Meetings, and much Openness among the People, and some were convinced. We had a Meeting at a Place called *Matinicock*, where I met with some of the People called *Ranters*, who disturbed our Meeting. I may say as the Apostle *Paul* (only altering *Ephesus* to *Matinicock*) that I fought with Beasts there; and thence I travelled to *New-York*, where we had two Meetings; from thence we went to the *Jerseys*, and there we had several serviceable Meetings that were large; and so to *Pensylvania*, where there are many very large Meetings of Friends, and the Lord is with his People there, and prospereth them spiritually and temporally. Here I met with my dear Friend, *William Ellis*. From *Philadelphia*, *Richard Gove* (of that City) and I travelled to *Maryland*, and visited Friends on the Western Shore, and from thence to *Virginia*. In *Virginia*, near *James's River*, I met with an aged Friend whose Name

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Name was *William Porter*. He was ninety-two Years 1698.
of Age, and had then a Daughter two Years old *. We had several Meetings there amongst Friends and others, many being well satisfied concerning the Truth, and spoke well of it.

And after we had had several good and open Meetings in *Virginia*, we found ourselves clear of *America*, and in order for our Passage, we agreed with our Friend *F. Johnson*, on board the *Elizabeth* and *Mary*, to carry us for *England*.

On the 11th of the first Month 1698-9, we were accompanied on board by several Friends, who abode 1698-9.
with us all Night; and the next Day, being the first Day of the Week, we had a little comfortable Meeting, and then parted in much Love, having the Evidence of the Power of the Almighty with us. We waited for a fair Wind until the 20th of the aforesaid Month, and left the Capes of *Virginia* that Day, and at Night we got our Ship into a sailing Posture; and I was glad in my Spirit, that I was setting my Face towards my native Land; and more glad that I was returning with Peace in my Bosom. Oh! the Power and Presence of him who said, *Go teach all Nations*, At Sea:
was sweet to my Soul at that Time, and now in some Measure I enjoy'd the Fruits of my having laboured in that Ability God had given me. Glory to God, thro' Christ, who is worthy for ever! The Presence of God was with us on the great Ocean, and we were strengthened through his Goodness wonderfully. We had

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* Some Years after I saw him, and he was weeding *Indian* Corn with a Hoe. He was then about 106 Years of Age, and had upwards of seventy Children, Grand-Children, and Great-Grand-Children. We were divers Friends of us to see him, and he preached to us a short, but very affecting Sermon, which was (as near as I remember) *Verbatim* thus, "Friends, you are come to see me in the Love of God. God is Love, and those that dwell in God, dwell in Love. I thank God, I feel his Divine Life every Day and every Night." He lived to see his above mentioned Daughter married, and died, aged 107 Years.

1699. had several good Meetings on board our Ship, and were opened (in the Love of God) to the poor Seamen very largely.

At Sea

When we launched forth into the Deep, we were several Ships in Company; but we had been but a little Time at Sea, before we lost Sight of them all. Several Ships passed by us about a Week after we sail'd; and about this Time we saw a very large Whale, who lifted himself part out of the Water with his Mouth open, which looked like the Entrance of a large Cave. We likewise saw several other large Sea Fish, such as Grampusses, Sharks, &c. All which shew forth the wondrous Works of the Great Creator of all Things. *Elizabeth Webb* and *Elizabeth Lloyd* went over with us in this Vessel, both virtuous Women. About two Weeks the Winds were mostly fair for us, in which Time we got finely on our Way; but for above a Week afterwards the Winds were mostly contrary, and the Ship had a great Motion, which caused some of us to be Sea-sick, especially *Elizabeth Lloyd* † (who was but weakly.) One Night our Sailors thought that an Enemy or Pyrate was near us, who fired two Guns, and so passed by us; but it being Night, we could not certainly know what she was. I rather judged it might be some Ship in Distress, for we saw one of the Ships that Evening that came out with us, and the next Morning we could see none at all, and there was hardly any Wind that Night, so I feared that our Companion had sprung a Leak and foundered; and when I told our Master my Opinion, he said, he feared the same likewise. Now for two Weeks Time, or thereabouts, we beat about the Sea, and made little Progress.

† She was the Daughter of *Thomas Lloyd*, late Deputy-Governor of *Pennsylvania*. She lived and died a virtuous Woman; and, I think, generally beloved by all who were acquainted with her. When she died she was the Wife of *Daniel Zachary*, a Merchant at *Boston*, *New-England*, well known, and much beloved there, for his Piety and Virtue.

gress. Howbeit we had several good Meetings, where-
in we gave Glory to God our Saviour; and for ever
let it ascend, saith my Soul, to him over all! After
contrary Winds, about two Weeks, the Wind sprung
up Westerly, and was fair for several Days; in which
Time we got finely on our Way again, and left the
Western Islands about two Days Sail behind us; and
then the Wind was contrary again. Contrary Winds
are commonly tedious at Sea (but especially to those
that know not where to stay their Minds) but we being
several Friends of us on board that were Passengers,
had oftentimes good Meetings several Times a Week;
and if any of our Ship's Company came to Meeting,
they always were sober, and sometimes tender; and
truly, God's Love was extended towards them. And
when it was not our Meeting Days, we spent not our
Time idly, but for the most Part in Reading the holy
Scriptures, and Writing, &c. in which we were at
fundry Seasons greatly refreshed, strengthened, and
comforted. O my Soul! glorify God thy Maker,
and Christ thy Saviour for ever, in the Sense of his
Goodness and Mercy, both by Sea and Land, by
Night and by Day! After we had been almost seven
Weeks at Sea, we thought that we were near the Land,
but we sounded several Days, and found no Bottom,
altho' we let out Abundance of Line, I think above
300 Yards.

About this Time our Doctor dreamed a Dream,
which was to this Effect, himself relating it to me:
He said, "He dreamed that he went on Shore at a
" great and spacious Town, the Buildings whereof
" were high, and the Streets broad; and as he went
" up the Street he saw a large Sign, on which was writ-
" ten in great golden Letters SHAME. At the Door
" of the House (to which the Sign belonged) stood
" a Woman with a Can in her Hand, who said unto
" him, *Doctor, will you drink?* He reply'd, with
" all my Heart, I have not drank any Thing but

1699. " Water a great while (our Wine and Cyder being all
 At Sea. " spent, having had a long Passage) and he drank a
 " hearty Draught, which he said, made him merry ;
 " so went up the Street reeling to and fro, when a
 " grim Fellow coming behind him, clapp'd him on
 " the Shoulder, and told him, *That he arrested him in*
 " *the Name of the Governor of the Place.* He ask-
 " ed him for what, and said, What have I done ? He
 " answered, *for stealing the Woman's Can ;* the Can
 " he had indeed, and so he was had before the Gover-
 " nor, which was a mighty Black Dog, the biggest
 " and grimest that ever he saw in his Life ; and Wit-
 " nesses was brought in against him by an old Companion
 " of his, and he was found guilty, and his Sentence
 " was to go to Prison, and there to lay for ever."

He told me this Dream so punctually, and with such
 an Emphasis, that it affected me with serious Sadness,
 and caused my Heart to move within me (for to me
 the Dream seemed true, and the Interpretation sure)
 I then told him he was an ingenious Man, and might
 clearly see the Interpretation of that Dream, which ex-
 actly answered to his State and Condition, which I thus
 interpreted to him : " This great and spacious Place,
 " wherein the Buildings were high, and the Streets
 " broad, is thy great and high Profession : The
 " Sign, on which was wrote *Shame*, which thou
 " sawest, and the Woman at the Door, with the Can
 " in her Hand, truly represents that great, crying
 " and shameful Sin of Drunkenness, which thou
 " knows to be thy great Weakness, which the Wo-
 " man with the Can did truly represent to thee : The
 " grim Fellow which arrested thee in the Devil's
 " Territories is *Death*, who will assuredly arrest all
 " Mortals : The Governor which thou sawest, re-
 " presenting a great black Dog, is certainly the *De-*
 " *vil*, who after his Servants have served him to the
 " full, will torment them eternally in Hell." So he
 got up, as it were in haste, and said, *God forbid ! It is*
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nothing but a Dream. But I told him it was a very significant One, and a Warning to him from the Almighty, who sometimes speaks to Men in Dreams. 1699.

In seven Weeks after we left Sight of the Land of *America*, we saw the *Scilly* Islands, and next Day we saw the Land of *England*, which was a comfortable Sight to us; in that God Almighty had preserved us hitherto, and that we were so far got on our Way: We drove about the Channel's Mouth for several Days for want of Wind; after which, for two Days the Wind came up, and we got as far up the Channel as *Lime-bay*, and then an Easterly Wind blew fresh for several Days, and we turned to Windward, but rather lost than got on our Way, which was tiresome and tedious to some of us. *English Channel.*

Now about this Time (being some Days after the Doctor's Dream) a grievous Accident happened to us. We meeting with a *Dutch* Vessel in *Lime-bay* a little above the *Start*, hailed her, and she us. They said they came from *Lisbon*, and were bound for *Holland*. She was loaded with Wine, Brandy, Fruit, and such like Commodities; and we having little but Water to drink (by reason our Passage was longer than we expected) therefore we sent our Boat on board, in order to buy us a little Wine to drink with our Water. Our Doctor, and a Merchant that was a Passenger, and one Sailor, went on board, where they staid so long until some of them were overcome with Wine, altho' they were desired to beware thereof; so that when they came back, a Rope being handed to them, they (being filled with Wine unto Excess) were not capable of using it dexterously, insomuch that they overset the Boat, and she turned Bottom upwards, having the Doctor under her. The Merchant caught hold of a Rope called the Main Sheet, whereby his Life was saved. The Sailor not getting so much Drink, as the other two, got nimbly on the Bottom of the Boat, and floated on the Water till such Time as our other

1699. Boat was hoisted out, which was done with great Speed, and we took him in ; but the Doctor was drowned before the Boat came. The Seaman that sat upon the Boat saw him sink, but could not help him. This was the greatest Exercise that we met with in all our Voyage ; and much the more so, as the Doctor was of an evil Life and Conversation, and much given to Excess of Drinking. When he got on board the aforesaid Ship, the Master sent for a Can of Wine, and said, *Doctor, will you drink ?* He replied, *Yes, with all my Heart, for I've drank no Wine a great while.* Upon which he drank a hearty Draught, that made him merry (as he said in his Dream ; *) and notwithstanding the Admonition which was so clearly manifested to him but three Days before, and the many Promises he had made to Almighty God, some of which I was a Witness of, when strong Convictions were upon him, yet now he was unhappily overcome, and in Drink when he was drowned. This is, I think, a lively Representation of the tender Mercy, and just Judgment of the Almighty to poor Mortals ; and I thought it was worthy to be recorded to Posterity, as a Warning to all great Lovers of Wine and strong Liquors. This Exercise was so great to me, that I could not for several Days get over it ; and one Day while I was musing in my Mind on those Things relating to the Doctor, it was opened to me, that God and his Servants were clear, and his Blood was on his own Head ; for he had been faithfully warned of his evil Ways.

We were obliged by contrary Winds to put into *Plymouth* Harbour, and from *Plymouth* I went by Coach to *London*, where I was gladly received by my Relations

N. B. This Relation about the Doctor's Dream, when I was at *Barbadoes*, I had Occasion to write about it to a Friend in *Ireland*, which he got printed, and is the same with this in Substance, only that is somewhat fuller and larger : And may be had of the Printer hereof.

Relations and Friends. In this Journey I travelled 1699. about 2000 Miles by Land, and 6000 by Water. I got to the Yearly Meeting of Friends in *London*, in the Year 1699 (which was large) and was at divers publick Meetings for the Worship of Almighty God. I may truly say, the holy Ghost was amongst us, blessed be God our Saviour for evermore.

In this Year I thought it my Place to enter into a married State, and I acquainted my Father of my Design, and that I inclin'd to make Choice of *Martha Betterton*, a religious young Woman, whom I entirely loved for that Piety, Virtue, and Modesty, which I beheld in her; (*I was in the twenty-fourth Year of my Age, and she in her twenty-first.*) I likewise acquainted her Father and Mother with my Intentions, to which both our Parents consented; her Father saying (when I spoke to him) *Go together, and the Lord bless you together.* And my Father said, *If I was worth my Weight in Gold, she deserved me.* The Heartiness of both our Fathers in this Matter, was more to me than a Portion of Silver or Gold, of which we had but very little; but our Love to each other was very great, and being well and honourably grounded, it was not easily shaken. So after Consent of Parents, we propos'd our Intentions of Marriage to the Monthly Meetings unto which we belonged; and because I had been travelling in *America*, I had Certificates from my Brethren there (not only) of my Industry and Labour in the Ministry, with the good Effects thereof, but also of my Clearness in Relation to Marriage; and after having twice published our Intentions, we had Liberty of the said Meeting to proceed to the Solemnization of our Marriage, which was accomplished at *Devonshire-house*, in *London* (at a Meeting appointed for that End) on the 28th Day of the seventh Month, in the aforesaid Year, in the Presence of many hundreds of People, and many worthy Brethren and Elders. A Day of Days it was to my Soul!

1699. wherein I was made sensible of the Love and Goodness of God in a particular Manner, which to me was an Earnest of our future well-doing. My dear Wife was one who truly loved and feared God, and had an excellent Gift of the Ministry given unto her, and was serviceable therein. [A Paper coming to my Hands of her own Hand-writing and composing, I transcribe it here. She calls it *An Account of the Exercise of Martha Betterton, viz.* “As I was walking in the City of
 “London, with a Concern on my Mind, in beholding
 “the abominable Pride of the People; it opened upon
 “my Mind in this wise: *Wo, Wo! to the Crown of*
 “*Pride!* And then I was deeply bowed in my Spirit
 “before the Lord, and it was said to me, *I will yet*
 “*spare a little longer; I have Sheep which I will ga-*
 “*ther Home to me, and there shall be one Shepherd*
 “*and one Sheepfold.* Then I said in my Heart, *Oh*
 “*Lord! Shall I be one of thy Sheep belonging to thy*
 “*Sheepfold of eternal Rest.* And again it was answered me, *My Sheep bear my Voice, and they follow*
 “*me.* Then a Cry was raised in me, *Cause me to*
 “*hear thy Voice; and not only so, but enable me to*
 “*obey the same.* And then this Charge was returned
 “to me, *Be thou faithful.*”]

Soon after I was married, I had a Concern to visit Friends in the Counties of *Surry, Suffex, and Kent*, which I performed in, about two Weeks Time, and came Home and followed my Calling, and was industrious therein; and when I had gotten something to bear my Expences, and settle my Wife in some little Business, I found an Exercise on my Spirit to go over to *Ireland*, to visit our Friends and Brethren on that Island, in which *William Townshend* accompanied me, and Friends in that Nation were generally satisfied with our Service among them. When we had been from Home about ten Weeks, and had visited most Parts of that Nation, having had many Meetings among Friends, and others, we found Freedom in

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our Minds to return Home, which we did, being 1699.
comforted in our Service, and blessed the Name of the Lord.

After some few Months I acquainted my Wife and my Father, with her Father and Mother, that I thought it my Duty to go over and live in *America*. To which Proposal, my Father consented, tho' with Tenderness of Heart, considering that I must be so far separated from him. I also laid it before the Monthly-meeting of Friends at *Horsly-down*, in *South-wark* (of which Meeting I was a Member) who consented to it (tho' somewhat unwilling to part with us) and gave us their Certificate, to let our Brethren know that we were in Love and Unity with them, and walked according to our Profession. And when we were ready, and in order for going, we agreed for the Freight of our Goods and Servants, with *John Snowden*, and shipped them on board the *Josiah*, bound for *Maryland*. When the Ship was at *Gravesend*, and ready to sail, several of our dear Relations and Friends accompanied us to the Ship, on board of which we had a good Meeting, and took our solemn Leave of one another, as never expecting to see each other any more in this World. It was a solemn Time indeed ! We prayed for one another, and so parted, our Ship sailing that Evening, and we got to *Margate-Road*, where we anchor'd, and the Wind sprung up very fresh, and blew tempestuously, so that we broke our Cable, and lost our best Bower-Anchor, and drove violently towards the *Goodwin Sands*. We let go our Sheet-Anchor, and three more, which were all we had, but they did not stop her ; upon which the Master ordered the Carpenters to stand by the Main-mast, with their Axes upon their Shoulders, and when he gave the Word, then they were to cut the Mast. The People in the Ship (there being divers Passengers) were in a great Consternation, expecting nothing but Death : But for my Part, being exceedingly

A great Storm in Margate Road.

1699. exceedingly Sea-sick, and having been in many Storms, I was not so much surprized with this, the Sailors sometimes making a great Noise when there is but little Danger ; but there was more Danger than I was aware of, as appeared afterwards. One of the Passengers came weeping, and said, *Our Case was very bad.* The Doctor also came in the same Manner ; and cry'd, *Oh! Mr. Chalkley, we are all dead Men!* Then I thought with myself, I would go out on Deck, and see what the Matter was ; and when on Deck, I went to the Pilot, who had the Lead in his Hand, and he sounded, and cry'd out, *Lord have Mercy upon us! she is gone, she is gone, she is gone!* by which I perceiv'd that we were very near the *Goodwin Sands*, on which many Ships have been lost with all their Crews. In this Sense of Danger I sent for the Passengers into the Cabbin, and told them that I thought it would be well for us to sit still together, and look unto, and wait upon God, to see what he would please to do for us ; that, if Death came, we might meet him in as good a Frame of Mind as we could, and that we might not be surprized beyond Measure : And as we were thus compos'd in our Minds, a Concern came upon my dear Wife, and she prayed to God, the Father, in the living Power and Sense of his Son ; and he heard from his holy Habitation, and answered the Prayer ; for immediately after the Wind abated, and our Anchors held us. This was a great Deliverance, which is not to be forgotten. When we saw the long'd-for Morning, we were very near the Sands, and the Sea ran prodigiously high, and broke upon them mightily, so that we were forced to leave our Cables and Anchors, and make the best of our Way to *Deal*, as well as we could. One of the Owners being on Shore, and seeing us in Distress, sent off a Cable and Anchor to us ; and we anchored before *Deal* with our new Cable and Anchor, and sent a Boat for our other Anchors and Cables,

Cables, when it was Calm, which brought them to us. And after we had supply'd ourselves with what we wanted, we put to Sea again, and had fair Winds till we got as far as the *Western-Islands*, where Captain *Cant* being in Company with us, he spoke with our Captain in the Evening, and the two Captains concluded it would be stormy that Night, which happened accordingly. They took in their Sails, and we all but our Main-sail; notwithstanding which, the Storm was such, that we lost our Main-mast, sprung the Head of our Fore-mast, and broke our Cross-jack-yard, and thus lay rowling upon the Sea for about two Weeks: The Ship *Bristol Merchant* coming by in that Time, lent us a spare Top-mast, of which we made a Main-mast, and a Top-mast of our Top-gallant-mast, and so refitted out as well as we could, and had a pretty good Passage afterwards. We were about eight Weeks from the *Lands-End* to the Capes of *Virginia*; had Meetings twice a Week on board, and they helped to stay our Minds on our Maker, tho' our Bodies were tossed to and again on the mighty Waters. We went on Shore at *Patuxent* River, and went by Land to *Herring-Bay*, where I, my Wife and Family, tarried that Winter; and I, with my three Servants, followed my Calling. In the Spring we transported ourselves, our Goods, and Servants, from *Maryland* to *Pensylvania*, where we intended to settle when we came from our native Country. At *Philadelphia* I bought a Lot of Ground upon the River *Delaware*, and there I followed my Calling that Summer, and in the Fall I had an inward Call to visit Friends in *Barbadoes*, which I proposed to our Monthly-meeting, and they certified on my Behalf, that they had Unity with me in my Proposal, Conversation and Ministry: So I took Ship at *Philadelphia* (about the 20th of the 7th Month, 1701) on board the *Abraham*, ————*Street*, Commander, and was about a Month on our Voyage; *Josiah Langdale* was with me,

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me. We had several good Meetings in the Ship to our Satisfaction; and were well received, and had many Meetings at *Barbadoes*, which were often very large and open, and some of the People loving and tender. We had several Meetings at *Bridge-Town*, *Speight's-Town*, the *Spring*, and the *Thickets*, and at *Pumkin-Hill*; and after being there about six Weeks, we went in a Sloop to *Bermudas*, where we found but very few Friends, yet had Meetings in several Places, and at the Houses of some People who were not of our Profession; and the longer we tarried, the larger our Meetings were; and many began to be affected, and spoke well of us and our Devotion, but some were disturbed, and spoke to the Governor to break up our Meeting (which at the Desire of one of the Inhabitants we had appointed at his House) upon which he sent Orders by one of his Colonels to break up our Meeting, which troubled divers sober People. After this I met with the Governor at the House of one Judge *Stafford*; and he being a moderate Man, we had the following Discourse, *viz.*

Gov. How do you like our Country? We are but a little Spot in the Sea.

T. C. I like it well for its moderate Climate. If the People were moderate also, it would be well.

Gov. Doth it answer your End in coming?

T. C. My End in coming, was to visit the People in Christian Love.

Gov. Do you think the People will be brought over?

T. C. If they are brought to Truth and Righteousness, it will be well with them. That is the End of our coming.

Gov. If you had acquainted me with your Design, when first you came, you had done well. It was your Duty.

T. C. If we had known the Governor's Will herein, or that thou wouldst have spoken with us, we should have

have readily have answered it: But knowing nothing of it, we could not tell but that it might be taken for Rudeness in us, considering our homely Way and Manner of addressing such Men. 1701.

Gov. Then your Design in coming here was to preach. Had you no other End?

T. C. Yes. As we found a Concern upon us to preach, and a Desire in the People to hear.

Gov. Why don't you tarry with them? That looks strange. Here the People are affected with you, and you go away and leave them: Upon my Word I blame you for that.

T. C. We don't direct them to Man, but to the Lord Jesus Christ, their Teacher, and Bishop of their Souls. And why should our leaving them look strange to the Governor? For it was the Practice of the Apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, and his own Practice and Command to his Followers. And further the Apostles (which Word signifies Ambassadors or Messengers) say, *Follow us, as we are Followers of Christ*. And they travelled up and down the World preaching the Gospel; and that our great Lord himself had not whereon to lay his Head.

Gov. The Apostles were inspired Men: Inspired by the Holy Spirit to preach the Gospel. I suppose you don't pretend to be inspired.

T. C. Every true Christian ought to pray for the Pouring out of the holy Spirit, or holy Ghost upon him. The Church of *England* * also prays for it, the Receiving of which is Inspiration.

Gov. Your Reasons being grounded on Scripture, you are well grounded; for no Man can deny the Scriptures. Then you say you are inspired?

T. C. I hope I am. I pray for it with great Earnestness.

Gov. Then it is but ask, and have, you think.

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* Of which Church the Governor was a Member.

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T. C. If we ask in Faith, without wavering, we shall receive according to the Doctrine of Christ and his Apostles in the New Testament.

Gov. Well, If any have a Desire to hear you, you may preach and welcome.

After I had this Discourse with the Governor, it was reported on the Island, that the Governor had given us a License to preach (which Report was not true, further than the aforesaid Discourse) and then we had larger Meetings than before. We had a Meeting at Judge *Stafford's* House, and one at a House not far from his.

It is observable, that this Island hath formerly been a very healthy and fruitful Place. Red Cedar, or Sweet Wood, is all the Timber they have in the Island, with which they build their Houses, make their Household Goods, build their Ships and Sloops, and make their Fires; so that there is continually a fragrant and pleasant Smell, which we could smell at Sea some time before we saw the Land; and it is yet a pretty healthy and fruitful Island, but not so healthy and fruitful as formerly. In one of the Meetings I was concerned to let them know, that it was the Evil of their Ways and Doings that had caused the Almighty to with-hold from them the Fruits of the Earth, and to make their Island more unhealthful than formerly it was. After Meeting the Judge told me, I had said truly, for that was the Cause; and if I had spoke more to that Matter, or on that Subject, I had done well. Several were convinced at this Time on this Island.

Soon after an Opportunity offered, in a Sloop belonging to this Island, that was bound for *Philadelphia*, in which we (being clear) embarked, and on our Voyage had indifferent good Weather, only one hard Gale of Wind, which caused us to hand our Jib. A Molatto Man named *Stavo* (being the Master's Servant) went out upon the Bowsprit to hand the Sail,

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and there came a Sea and washed him off ; and the Vessel ran over him ; and, in all probability, he had certainly been drowned, had he not been a good Swimmer ; for he swam, as we judged, three Quarters of a Mile, before he got to the Sloop, it not coming into any one's Mind to lower the Sails, until I sharply order'd it to be done, which they then did readily ; and the Course of the Vessel being stopp'd, he soon got on board, having stripp'd himself of his Cloaths in the Sea, and brought them in his Mouth. I was very thankful for the poor Fellow's Life, and praised the Lord in the Secret of my Soul, for his Preservation. In about two Weeks Time we arrived at *Philadelphia*, and I had great Peace in my Labours in this Visit, in which I was from Home about five Months. The Friends of *Barbadoes* were so well satisfied with this Labour of Love, that they certified the same by Way of Certificate, more than is proper for me to mention. But tho' they thought so well of me, yet I had occasion to think very meanly of myself, for I was emptied to exceeding great spiritual Poverty at Times.

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After I came Home from *Barbadoes* and *Bermudas*, I followed my Calling, and kept to Meetings diligently ; for I was not easy to be idle, either in my spiritual or temporal Callings ; and at Times travelled in the Work of the Ministry in our own Province (in which there are many large Meetings of Friends, and they increase and multiply from time to time.) Since my settling in this Province, which is now about a Year, some Hundreds of People are come here to settle, and divers Meeting-houses are built ; and I do certainly know from above, that this Province of *Pennsylvania*, and City of *Philadelphia*, will flourish both spiritually and temporally, if the Inhabitants will love (and live in) Righteousness, and in the Fear of God ; otherwise the Hand that planted them can soon pluck them up. After some time I was drawn forth

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1703. to visit Friends in *Maryland, Virginia, and North-Carolina*, and went with the Unity of Friends, having their Certificate (according to the good Order established among us) so about the 26th of the first Month, 1703, I went through *Maryland*, and visited Friends in *Virginia* and *North-Carolina*, to the River *Pamphlico*, where no travelling publick Friends (that ever I heard of) were before, and we had several Meetings there on each Side of the River. One Day going out of our Conoe through a Marsh, I trod on a Rattle-snake (which is accounted one of the most poisonous Snakes) but it only hissed at me, and did no Harm. This was one Deliverance, among many, the Lord by his Providence wrought for me; and I blest his holy Name for all his Mercies. In going to, and coming from this Place, we lay two Nights in the Woods, and I think I never slept better in all my Life. It was the eighth Hour in the Evening when I laid down on the Ground one Night (my Saddle being my Pillow) at the Root of a Tree, and it was four a Clock in the Morning when they called me. When I awoke, I thought of good *Jacob's* Lodging he had on his Way to *Padanaram*, when he saw the holy Vision of Angels, with the Ladder, whose Top reached to Heaven. Very sweet was the Love of God to my Soul that Morning, and the Dew of the everlasting Hills refreshed me; and I went on my Way praising the Lord, and magnifying the God of my Salvation. In this Journey I met with another remarkable Deliverance; going over a River eight Miles broad, we put our Horses [we being eight Men and seven Horses] into two Canoes ty'd together, and our Horses stood with their Fore-feet in one, and their Hind-feet in the other. It was calm when we set out, but when we were about the Middle of the River the Wind arose, and the Seas ran high, and split one of our Canoes, so that with our Hats we were obliged to cast out the Water; and with much Difficulty (at last)

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all of us, with our Horses, got safe on Shore, through the good Providence of God. And on Return through *North Carolina*, we had several large Meetings, and an open Time it was; as also at *Nansimund* and *Chuckatue*, and several other Places in *Virginia*; and when my Service was over in those two Provinces I went back to *Maryland*, and visited Meetings there, and then went Home. As near as I can compute it, I rode about a Thousand Miles on this Journey. After which I staid at Home, following my Business, in order to the Maintenance of my Family, being blessed with Wife, Children, and Servants, and with other Things; for which I am truly thankful.

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While I was at Home I visited the neighbouring Meetings, as I found a Concern on my Mind; and on the 6th Day of the third Month 1704, I laid before our Quarterly-meeting of Ministers and Elders an Exercise that was upon my Mind, to visit our Friends Meetings on *Long-Island*, *Rhode-Island*, and in *New-England*, and the Places adjacent; from which Quarterly-meeting I had a good Certificate (which I thought it my Duty to endeavour to live up unto;) and being accompanied with several Friends to *Burlington* and *Croswicks*, *Joseph Glaster* being my Fellow-labourer in the Work of the Gospel; at the two aforesaid Places we had Meetings, and then we travelled to *New-York* and *Long-Island*, where we had divers Meetings; as at *Flushing*, *Westbury*, *Jerusalem*, *Jerico*, *Bethpage*, *Matinicoek*, and also at *West-Chester*, on the Main, and from thence we travelled to *Rhode-Island* Yearly-meeting, which was large and serviceable to many. From hence *Joseph Glaster* went towards *Boston*, the inland Way, and I went by the Sea-side, and we met together, after I had been at Meetings at divers Places, viz, *Dartmouth* and *Nantucket* Island, at which Island there are large Meetings; People there being mostly Friends, and a sober growing People in the best Things; though not

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of our Society when they first received the Truth, yet they received it with Gladness; and altho' divers of the People called *Presbyterians* were very cruel in their Expressions, and bitter in their Spirits against us, yet there were some who went under that Name, who were more open and charitable towards us, and received us gladly with Tenderness; and at some Places we had Meetings at their Houses to our mutual Satisfaction. We likewise had Meetings at *Suckanuset*, *Scituate*, and *Sandwich*. About this Time the *Indians* were very barbarous in the Destruction of the *English* Inhabitants, scalping some, and knocking out the Brains of others (Men, Women, and Children) by which the Country was greatly alarmed, both Night and Day; but the great Lord of all was pleased wonderfully to preserve our Friends, especially those who kept faithful to their peaceable Principle, according to the Doctrine of Christ in the holy Scriptures, as recorded in his excellent Sermon which he preached on the Mount, in the vith, viith, and viiith Chapters of *Matthew*, which is quite opposite to Killing, Revenge, and Destruction, even of our Enemies: And because our Friends could not join with those of fighting Principles and Practices, some of them were put into Prison; divers People railing and speaking very bitterly against their peaceable Neighbours, and wishing the *Quakers* might be cut off. Some of the *New-England* Priests and Professors were so bitter against Friends, that instead of being humbled, under the mighty Hand of God upon them, in suffering the *Indians* to destroy them, they express'd their Enmity against the poor *Quakers*, on a Day appointed for Humiliation and a Fast; and particularly in a Sermon preach'd by one of their Priests, which he divided into three Heads, *viz.* First, That the Judgments of God were upon them, in letting loose the savage *Indians* to destroy them. Secondly, In that he with-held the Fruits of the Earth from them (for there was great

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Scarcity.) *Thirdly*, That the *Quakers* prevailed, and were suffered to increase so much among them; which he said, was worse than the *Indians* destroying of them, and gave this absurd Reason for it, *The Indians destroy our Bodies, but the Quakers destroy the Soul.** This is an abominable Falshood; for it is Sin that destroys the Soul: And such as those that preach to the People that there is no Freedom from it in this World, contradict Christ's Doctrine, *Be ye perfect*, &c. And that of the Apostle's, *He that is born of God cannot sin.* And thus their blind Guides mistake Light for Darkness, and Darkness for Light. Among the many Hundreds that were slain, I heard but of three of our Friends being killed, whose Destruction was very remarkable, as I was informed (the one was a Woman, the other two were Men.) The Men used to go to their Labour without any Weapons, and trusted to the Almighty, and depended on his Providence to protect them (it being their Principle not to use Weapons of War, to offend others, or defend themselves) but a Spirit of Distrust taking Place in their Minds, they took Weapons of War to defend themselves; and the *Indians*, who had seen them several Times without them, and let them alone, saying, *They were peaceable Men, and hurt nobody, therefore they would not hurt them*, now seeing them have Guns, and supposing they designed to kill the *Indians*, they therefore shot the Men dead. The Woman had remained in her Habitation, and could not be free to go to a fortified Place for Preservation, neither she, her Son, nor Daughter, nor to take thither the little Ones; but the poor Woman after some Time began to let in a slavish Fear, and did advise her Children to go with her to a Fort not far from their Dwelling. Her

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* This Priest was soon after killed by the *Indians*, as I was told by a Minister.

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“ **W**HEN the cruel *Indians* were suffered to kill
 “ and destroy, it was shewed me, That I
 “ must stand in a Testimony for Truth, and trust
 “ in the Name of the Lord, that was a strong Tow-
 “ er, and we should wait upon him. And I often
 “ desired my Mother and Husband to sit down, and
 “ wait upon the Lord, and he would show us what
 “ we should do: But I could not prevail with him,
 “ but he would say it was too late now, and was in
 “ great haste to be gone; but I could not go with
 “ him, because I was afraid of offending the Lord:
 “ But still he would say I was deluded by the Devil,
 “ so that my Mother would often say, *A House divided*
 “ *could not stand*; and she could not tell what to do,
 “ altho’ she had most Peace in staying, yet she had
 “ Thoughts of moving, and said to me, *Child, Can*
 “ *thee certainly say it is revealed to thee that we should*
 “ *stay; if it be, I would willingly stay, if I was sure it*
 “ *was the Mind of God*. But I being young, was
 “ afraid to speak so high, said, Mother, I can say
 “ that it is so with me, that when I think of staying
 “ and trusting in the Name of the Lord, I find great
 “ Peace and Comfort, more than I can utter, with
 “ a Belief we shall be preserved; but when I think
 “ of going, Oh the Trouble and Heaviness I feel,
 “ with a Fear some of us should fall by them! And
 “ my dear Mother sighed, and said, *She could not*
 “ *tell what to do*. But I said to them, If they would
 “ go, I would be willing to stay alone; if they found
 “ Freedom, I was very willing, for I was afraid of
 “ offending the Lord. But still my poor Husband
 “ would

“ would say, *I took a wrong Spirit for the right.* And 1704.
 “ he would say how I should know, *For if I was*
 “ *right I would be willing to condescend to him.* And
 “ then I said, in Condescention to him I would move ;
 “ but I hope the Lord will not lay it to my Charge,
 “ for was it not to condescend to him, I would not
 “ move for the World ; and after I had given away
 “ my Strength, in a little Time there came Men
 “ from the Garrison, with their Guns, and told us,
 “ *They came for us,* and told us, *The Indians, they*
 “ *thought, might be near ;* and then away we went ;
 “ and my Mother went in with my Brother-in-
 “ law, altho’ I perswaded her not to do it. But she
 “ said, *Why, my Child is there : And why may not I*
 “ *be with him as well as thee ?* And so we went along
 “ to Hampton, to my Husband’s Brother’s. But O
 “ the Fear and Trouble that I felt ! And told my
 “ Husband it seem’d as if we were going into the
 “ Mouth of the *Indians.* And the next Day was the
 “ first Day of the Week ; and our dear Friend,
 “ *Lydia Norton,* came with my dear Mother ; and
 “ in her Testimony, she said there was there that
 “ was very near to her Life, that was very near
 “ Death. O then I was ready to think it would be
 “ I, because I believed we had done amiss in mov-
 “ ing, and great Trouble was I in, and told dear *Lydia*
 “ of it ; but she comforted me as much as she could,
 “ and said, *She did not think it would be I.* And my
 “ dear Mother went to my Sister’s again, to the
 “ Garrison, where she found herself not easy ; but,
 “ as she often said to many, that she felt herself in a
 “ beclouded Condition, and more shut from Counsel
 “ than ever she had been since she knew the Truth ;
 “ and being uneasy, went to move to a Friend’s House
 “ that lived in the Neighbourhood ; and as she was
 “ moving, the bloody cruel *Indians* lay by the Way,
 “ and killed her. O then how did I lament moving !
 “ And promised if the Lord would be pleased to spare
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“ my Life, and Husband, and Children, and carry
 “ us home again, I would never do so more. But
 “ O the Fear, and Trouble, and Darkness, that
 “ fell upon me, and many more at that Time ! And
 “ three or four of us kept our Meeting, but although
 “ we sat and waited as well as we could, yet we sat
 “ under a poor beclouded Condition, till we return-
 “ ed Home again, then did the Lord please to lift
 “ up the Light of his Love upon our poor Souls.
 “ O then I told my Husband, although he had built a
 “ little House by the Garrison, I could not move
 “ again. So he was willing to stay while the Winter
 “ Season lasted, but told me he could not stay when
 “ Summer came, for then the *Indians* would be
 “ about ; and so told me, That if I could not go to
 “ the Garrison, I might go to a Friend’s House that
 “ was near it. And I was willing to please him, if
 “ the Lord was willing ; and then applied my Heart
 “ to know the Mind of Truth, and it was shewed
 “ me, that if I moved again, I should loose the Sense
 “ of Truth, and I should never hold up my Head
 “ again. O then I told my Husband he must never
 “ ask me to move again, for I durst not do it. Still
 “ he would say it was a Notion, till our dear Friend
 “ *Thomas Story* came and told him, *He did not see*
 “ *that I could have a greater Revelation than I had.*
 “ And satisfied my Husband so well, that he never
 “ asked me more to go, but was very well contented
 “ to stay all the Wars ; and then Things were made
 “ more easy, and we saw Abundance of the wonder-
 “ ful Works, and of the mighty Power of the Lord,
 “ in keeping and preserving of us, when the *Indians*
 “ were at our Doors and Windows, and at other
 “ Times ; and how the Lord put Courage in you,
 “ my dear Children ; don’t you forget it, and don’t
 “ think that as you were young, and because you
 “ knew little, so you feared nothing ; but often con-
 “ sider how you staid at Home alone, when we went

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“ to Meetings, and how the Lord preserved you,
 “ and kept you, so that no Hurt came upon you.
 “ And I leave this Charge upon you, Live in the Fear
 “ of the Lord, and see you set him always before
 “ your Eyes, lest you sin against him: For if I had
 “ not feared the Lord, and felt the Comforts of his
 “ holy Spirit, I never could have stood so great a
 “ Trial, when so many judged, and said, I was de-
 “ luded, and that all the Blood of my Husband and
 “ Children, would be required at my Hands; but
 “ the Lord was near to me, and gave me Strength
 “ and Courage, and Faith to trust in him, for I
 “ knew his Name to be a strong Tower, yea, and
 “ stronger than any in the World; for I have often-
 “ times fled there for Safety. O Blessing and Honour,
 “ and everlasting high Praises, be given to the Lord,
 “ and to his dear Son, our Saviour and Mediator,
 “ Christ Jesus, *Amen.*

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A Neighbour of the aforesaid People told me,
 That as he was at Work in his Field, the *Indians* saw
 and called him, and he went to them. They told
 him, That they had no Quarrel with the *Quakers*,
 for they were a quiet, peaceable People, and hurt no-
 body, and that therefore none should hurt them.
 But they said that the *Presbyterians* in these Parts had
 taken away their Lands, and some of their Lives,
 and would now, if they could, destroy all the *In-
 dians*.

Those *Indians* began about this Time to shoot Peo-
 ple down as they rode along the Road, and to knock
 them on the Head in their Beds, and very barbarously
 murdered many: But we travelled the Country, and
 had large Meetings, and the good Presence of God
 was with us abundantly, and we had great inward Joy
 in the holy Ghost in our outward Jeopardy and
 Travels. The People generally rode and went to
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their Worship armed, but Friends went to their Meetings without either Sword or Gun, having their Trust and Confidence in God.

After having had divers good Meetings in those *Boston, &c.* Eastern Parts of *New-England*, I return'd to *Salem, Lyn, Boston*, and so on towards *Rhode Island*, and at divers adjacent Places; as in the *Naraganset* Country, we had divers Meetings, also at *Dartmouth, Sandwich, and Scituate*. As I was entring into the Town of *Boston* in Company with many others, a Man rode up to me, and ask'd in a scoffing Manner, *Whether I saw or met with any Quakers on the Road?* I pleasantly told him, we should not tell the *Presbyterians*, lest they should hang them. He not thinking of such an Answer, went sneakingly away.

Now having thoroughly visited Friends in those Parts, in Company with my Friend *Thomas Story*, I travelled through *Connecticut* Government, and had several Meetings in that Colony; and came to *Long-Island*, where we had divers Meetings to the Satisfaction of ourselves and Friends. From *Long-Island*, after we were clear of the Service and Exercise of the Work of the Ministry, and had visited Friends Meetings as we travelled; and in divers Places found Openness among the People who were not of our Profession (which sometimes came in great Numbers to our Meetings, and several were convinced in some good Degree, and many comforted, strengthened, and edified, in Christ our Lord) we came to *Philadelphia*, the Place of our Habitation. Let (saith my Soul) his Name have the Praise of all his Works for ever.

After being at Home some Time, I visited Friends Meetings in our own County, and several Parts of *New Jersey, Maryland*, and the Lower Counties on *Delaware*. At *Jones's* I appointed a Meeting at a publick House near the Court-house (general Notice being given thereof) there came one Crawford,

a Priest, with many of his Hearers, and in the Beginning of the Meeting he read a Sermon (as they called it) which was a Transcript of the Work of some of our Adversaries, which we desired to have from them to answer. They said, *If I would answer it myself I should have it.* The which I told them I should, if they would let me; but though they promised it, they did not perform, but were worse than their Word. We heard them read it over patiently; and after they had done, we had our Meeting. The Auditory was large, and most of the Magistrates were at it. The Priest's Reading, and my Testimony occasioned this Meeting to hold long; after which as we were getting on Horseback, the Priest cry'd out among the People, *That he did not think we should go away so sneakingly.* We having twenty Miles to ride that Night, and he near his Home, he having the Advantage in that Respect, some thought it made him the bolder, for he let me get on Horseback before he uttered that sneaking Expression. I told him, to challenge was enough to set a Coward to work, and we were no Cowards; for he knew we could venture our Lives for our Religion, which I question'd whether he would do for his; so I dismounted, and he having the Bible open in his Hand, I being near him, chanced, against my Will and Knowledge, to touch it with my Foot. *Look you, Gentlemen,* says he, *he tramples the Word of God under his Feet.* For which gross Abuse his own Hearers openly rebuked him, and put him to Shame. Then he said, *He would prove us no Ministers of Christ.* I bid him prove himself one, and he would do the Business. *Well,* says he, *how shall we know who are Christ's Ministers?* Why, laid I in answer to him, art thou willing to be try'd by Christ's Rule, for he hath given us a plain Rule to know them by. *What is that Rule?* *Let's bear it,* says he. 'Tis short, but full, namely, *By their Fruits you shall know them: For Men don't gather Grapes of Thorns,*

1705. *Thorns, nor Figs of Thistles*; wherefore by their Fruits they are known: *I deny it*, says Priest *Crawford* (for that was the Name he went by here, he going under another elsewhere) *that they are known by their Fruits*. I answered, Then thou denies the plain and naked Truth of Christ. So I called aloud to the People to take Notice what a blind Guide they had; and indeed he was wicked as well as blind, and his Fruits not good; which may make one suppose, that he was not willing to be try'd by his Fruits: For soon after, News came that he had a Wife in *England*, and as he had another here, his Fruits were wicked with a Witness; and according to Christ's Doctrine, no Good could spring from his Ministry, therefore he proved himself by his evil Deeds to be no Minister of Jesus Christ. Near the aforesaid Place we got a Meeting settled, which is called *Little-Creek Meeting*; and about the same Time a Meeting was established, and a Meeting-house built at *Duck-Creek*. The People in those Parts about this Time began mightily to see through the formal Preaching of such as preach for Money or Hire, who love the Hire, though they don't love to be called Hirelings.

Nottingham, &c.
Maryland.

In the Year 1706, having some Concerns in the Province of *Maryland*, I had divers Meetings as I travelled on the Road, as at *Nottingham*, *Elk River*, *Northeast*, *Susquehannab*, *Busb* and *Gunpowder Rivers*; at some of which Places I don't know that there had been any Meetings before. At one of these Meetings were one *Edwards* a Priest, and a Lawyer the Attorney-General, and several of the Justices of the Peace. The Priest was angry, and said, *It was an unlawful Assembly, the House not being licensed by Law*. The Justices told him, That he and his People being there to hear, if any unwarrantable or false Doctrine was preached, he had a fair Opportunity to lay it open before all the People. So they desired him to hear patiently and quietly. He seem'd to like the Proposition,

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sition, and sat down by the me. We had not sat down long before I stood up, and spoke to the People some considerable Time; and the Lawyer sat opposite to me, and took what I said in Short-Hand, for about Half an Hour; but growing weary, he laid down his Pen, and took out of his Pocket a Bottle of Liquor, or Spirits, and said, *Come Friend, here is to thee,* (or you) *you have spoke a great while, you need something to refresh you.* So I made a Stop, and said to the People, here is your Minister, and here is some of the Fruits of his Ministry, of which he and all sober People may be ashamed. And then I went on again without any Opposition till I had done; but afterwards they were in a Rage, and threatened what they would do to me, if ever I came to have a Meeting any more there. But I told 'em if they had Power to take our Lives from us, they were not dear to us for the Sake of Christ and his Gospel; and that we did not matter their Threatenings. I desired the Lawyer to give me a Copy of what he had written: He went about it, but did not do it; neither was he candid in penning my Words; for several of the People then present did bear Witness he had not writ it *Verbatim*, nor truly taken the Sense of what I spoke, wherefore I charged him to be Just, otherwise he had many Witnesses against him; at which the Priest bent his Fist, and held it up to me, but did not strike me, and away they went in a Fret. Soon after we had another Meeting at the same Place, which was large and quiet. The Man of the House being an Attorney at Law, had got his House licensed, and tho' the Priest and Lawyer threatened hard, they came not.

Aquila Pica, High Sheriff for the County, living at the Head of *Busb* River, near the main Road, built a Meeting-house at his own Charge, and had it licensed, at which we had many good Meetings. About this Time also was built a Meeting-house at a Place called *Nottingham*, which is a large Meeting, and greatly increases.

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When I was travelling in those Parts I had a Concern on my Mind to visit the *Indians* living near *Susquehannab*, at *Conestogoe*; I laid it before the Elders of *Nottingham* Meeting, with which they expressed their Unity, and promoted my visiting them. We got an Interpreter, and thirteen or fourteen of us travelled through the Woods about fifty Miles, carrying our Provisions with us, and on the Journey sat down by a River, and spread our Food on the Grass, and refreshed ourselves and Horses, and then went on cheerfully, and with good Will, and much Love to the poor *Indians*; and when we came, they received us kindly, treating us civilly in their Way. We treated about having a Meeting with them in a religious Way, upon which they called a Council, in which they were very grave, and spoke one after another without any Heat or Jarring; (and some of the most esteemed of their Women do sometimes speak in their Councils.) I asked our Interpreter, Why they suffered or permitted the Women to speak in their Councils? His Answer was, *That some Women were wiser than some Men.* Our Interpreter told me, That they had not done any Thing for many Years without the Counsel of an ancient grave Woman; who, I observed spoke much in their Council; for I was permitted to be present at it; and I asked, What it was the Woman said? He told me she was an Empress; and they gave much Heed to what she said amongst them; and that she then said to them, *She looked upon our Coming to be more than natural, because we did not come to buy, or sell, or get Gain, but came in Love and Respect to them, and desired their Well-doing both here and hereafter;* and further continued, *That our Meetings among them might be very beneficial to their young People,* and related a Dream which she had three Days before, and interpreted it, viz. " That she was in *London*, " and that *London* was the finest Place she ever saw (it " was like to *Philadelphia*, but much bigger) and she " went across six Streets, and in the seventh she saw

" William

“ *William Penn* preaching to the People, which was 1706.
 “ a great Multitude, and both she and *William Penn*
 “ rejoiced to see one another; and after Meeting she
 “ went to him, and he told her, That in a little Time
 “ he would come over and preach to them also, of
 “ which she was very glad. And now she said her
 “ Dream was fulfilled, for one of his Friends was
 “ come to preach to them.” And she advised them
 to hear us, and entertain us kindly; and accordingly
 they did. Here were two Nations of them, the *Seneca's*
 and the *Shawnefe*. We had first a Meeting with
 the *Seneca's*, with which they were much affected; and
 they called the other Nation (*viz.* the *Shawnefe*) and
 interpreted to them what we had spoke in their Meet-
 ing, and the poor *Indians* (particularly some of the
 Young Men and Women) were under a solid Exercise,
 and Concern. We had also a Meeting with the other
 Nation, and they were all very kind to us, and desired
 more such Opportunities; the which, I hope Divine
 Providence will order them, if they are worthy thereof.
 The Gospel of *Jesus Christ* was preached freely to
 them, and Faith in *Christ*, who was put to Death at
Jerusalem, by the unbelieving *Jews*; and that this
 same *Jesus* came to save People from their Sins, and
 by his Grace and Light in the Soul, shews to Man
 his Sins, and convinceth him thereof, delivering him
 out of them, and gives inward Peace and Comfort
 to the Soul for Well-doing, and Sorrow and Trouble
 for Evil-doing; to all which, as their Manner is,
 they gave publick Assents; and to that of the Light
 in the Soul, they gave a double Assent, and seem'd
 much affected with the Doctrine of Truth; also the
 Benefit of the holy Scriptures was largely opened to
 them*. After

* 'Tis worthy of Notice, that at the first settling of *Pennsylvania*, *William Penn* took great Care to do Justice to the *Indians*, and bought his Land of them to their Satisfaction, and settled a Trade with them; so that whereas the *Indians* were destructive to other Colonies, they were helpful to *Pennsylvania*; and to this Day they love to hear the Name of *WILLIAM PENN*.

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After this we returned to our respective Habitations, thankful in our Hearts to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Several of the Friends that went with me express'd their Satisfaction in this Visit, and offered themselves freely to go again on the like Service.

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I also was concerned soon after to visit the People about *Egg-Harbour* and *Cape-May*, and had divers Meetings amongst them, and several Meetings were settled in those Parts, and the People somewhat reformed from what they had been before they were visited by Friends, as themselves told me (after a Meeting we had with them) that they used to spend the Sabbath Days in Sporting and Vanity until Friends came among them, and now they met together to worship God, and his Son Jesus Christ. At our coming amongst them some Backsliders and Apostates were displeased. One (in a very bitter Spirit) called us, *Cursed and cruel Devils*. Another wrote against us. To him I sent an Answer, for which he scandalized me in one of his Almanacks, and publickly belied me in Print; which Lies I swept away with a *Small Broom*, printed in this Year 1706, to which I never understood that he return'd any Answer, nor that he wrote against Friends afterwards, tho' he had made it his Practice before for several Years.

At *Little Egg-Harbour* liv'd a Friend whose Name was *Edward Andrews*, who, as he himself told me, had been a Leader of the People into Vanity and Folly, as Musick, Dancing, &c. But the good Hand of the Lord being upon him, wrought a wonderful Reformation in him, and made him an Instrument to lead People into Truth and Righteousness, and gave him an excellent Gift of the Ministry of the Gospel of Christ; so that he was made instrumental in the gathering of a large and growing Meeting, most of the People thereabouts being convinced, and a great Reformation and Change wrought in their Conversations.

tions. This Friend told me, That when he was very rude and wild, he was mightily reached unto at the Meeting we had under the Trees at *Croftwicks**, so that he could not go on with his Vanity as before, after which he had strong Convictions on him, which wrought Conversion in the Lord's Time, after he had gone thro' many and deep inward Exercises.

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After these several Journies were over, and I had cleared myself, I was some Time at Home, and followed my Business with Diligence and Industry, and throve in the Things of the World, the Lord adding a Blessing to my Labour. Some People would tell me that I got Money for Preaching, and grew Rich by it; which, being a common Calumny cast upon our publick Friends that are Travellers, I shall take a little Notice of it, and leave it to Posterity. That it is against our Principle, and contrary to our known Practice and Rule, to take Money for our Preaching the Gospel of Christ, and the publishing of Salvation through his Name unto the People; for according to Christ's Command, *We, Receiving it freely, are to give it forth freely*: And I can say without Vanity or Boasting, I have spent many Pounds in that Service, besides my Time, which was, and is, as precious to me, as to other People: And rising early, and laying down late; many Days riding 40, 50, and 60 Miles a Day, which was very laborious and hard for my Flesh to endure (being corpulent and heavy from the 27th Year of my Age;) and I can truly say, that I never received any Money or Consideration on Account of these Services, either directly or indirectly; and yet if any of our Ministers are Necessitous or Poor, we relieve them freely, not because they are Preachers, but because they are Needy; and when we have done those Things, we have done but our Duty: And well will it

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1707. it be for those that have discharged themselves faithfully therein! Such will (besides the Earnest of Peace in their own Souls in this World) have a blessed Reward in the glorious Kingdom of the Lord and his Christ in that World which is to come. It is well known that I have spent much of my Time (since I have been free from my Apprenticeship) in Travelling and Preaching the Gospel, being out often many Months, and sometimes a whole Year, and more; and at Intervals I have been apt to think the Time long, till I got to my Business and Family; and so have divers Times made more Haste than I should have done, which has brought Trouble on my Mind, and is a Trouble to me unto this Day; which may be a Caution to those who travel in the Work of the Ministry hereafter, not to make too much Haste from the Work of Christ; and yet there ought to be Discretion used; for a Minister may stay too long, as well as return too soon, which may be perceived as we keep the Eye of our Mind to our Divine Guide.

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After I had staid at and about Home for some considerable Time, a weighty Concern came upon me to visit Friends in the *West-Indies*, and some Parts of *Europe*, as it might please the Almighty to open my Way; and as it was to be a long Travel, both by Sea and Land, and hazardous, by reason it was War Time, and many Privateers out at Sea, I settled my Affairs by Will, and otherwise, that if I should not live to come Home again, Things relating to my outward Affairs might be done honourably and well: For at this Time, as at many others, I can truly say, I gave up my Life freely for my holy Master's Sake, and in his Cause, who said, *Go teach all Nations*, &c.

On the 29th of the Sixth Month, 1707, I had a Certificate from the Monthly-meeting of Friends at *Philadelphia*, signifying their Unity with my Undertaking, and Desires for my Welfare; and a tender Concern was on my Mind that I might live according to

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to what my Brethren had certified concerning me. I likewise laid my Exercise before the General Meeting of Ministers and Elders held for the Provinces of *Pennsylvania* and *New-Jersey*, on the 22d of the Seventh Month, who also signified their Fellowship with my intended Travels and Journey, and recommended me to the Grace of God; and in much Love and Tenderness I parted with my dear and loving Wife, and my near and affectionate Friends and Brethren.

I had for my Companion and Fellow-labourer in the Work of the Gospel, my dear Friend *Richard Gove*, who also had the Approbation and Unity of Friends in this Journey and Undertaking.

We went on board a Sloop at *Philadelphia* bound for *Barbadoes*, *John Knight*, Master, about the 27th of the Eighth Month, in the aforesaid Year.

After a few Days Sailing down the River *Delaware*, we put to Sea, and in about a Month's Time we came within Sight of *Barbadoes*, where we met with a Privateer, which chased, and had like to have taken us; but the good Providence of God preserved us out of the Hands of those Enemies: For ever blessed be his great Name! In this Chace the Seamen were uneasy, and belched out wicked Oaths, and cursed the *Quakers*, wishing all their Vessels might be taken by the Enemy, because they did not carry Guns in them: At which [Evil] I was grieved, and began thus to expostulate with them: Do you know the Worth of a Man's Life? (Guns being made on Purpose to destroy Mens Lives;) were this Ship and Cargo mine, so far as I know mine Heart, I do ingenuously declare, I had rather loose it all, than that one of you should loose his Life (for I certainly knew they were unfit to die.) *Lives!* say they, *we had rather loose our Lives than go to France.* But, said I, that is not the Matter; Had you rather go to Hell, than go to *France*? They being guilty of great Sins and Wickedness, and convicted in their own Consciences, held their Peace, and

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1707. laid no more about the poor *Quakers*; and when we got within Gun-Shot of a Fort on *Barbadoes*, the Enemy left chasing us.

Barbadoes. Next Morning early we safely arrived at *Bridge-Town* in *Barbadoes*, where our Friends gladly received us; amongst whom we labour'd in the Work of the

Gospel for about two Months; and from thence, after having had divers good and edifying Meetings for the Worship of God, we sailed for *Antigua*, and stay'd

Antigua. some Days there, having Meetings, and visiting our Brethren. From *Antigua* we sail'd for *Nevis*, but the

Montserrat. Wind being contrary, we put in at *Montserrat* (an Isle that hath a great Mountain in it, on the Top of which is a hot Spring of Water, which boils up, and the Mud of it is clear Brimstone; some of which we carried on board our Vessel; the which is admirable, and shews the wonderful Works of God. They say that the Spring is hot enough to boil an Egg.) From this

Nevis. Island we sailed to *Nevis*, and had Meetings with those few Friends that were there, with whom we parted at the Sea-shore in great Love and Tenderneſs. After

Anguilla. which we sailed to an Island called *Anguilla*, and were civilly treated there by the Generality of the People; as also by the Governor, *George Leonard*, at whose House we had Meetings. I remember, that after one Meeting the Governor went into his Porch, and took the Bible, and opened it, and said, *By this Book, if People believe the holy Scriptures, I am able to convince the World, and prove that the People called Quakers are the People of God, and that they follow the Example and Doctrine of Christ, and the Practices of the Apostles and primitive Christians, nearer than any People in the World; (i.e. generally speaking.)* At this Island several People were heartily convinced, and did confess to the Truth, among whom a Meeting was settled. Here was never any Friend before, as the Inhabitants said. *I intreat the Lord Jehovah to preserve the sincere-hearted among them in his holy Fear, whilst*

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they remain in this World; and not them only, but all that love and fear him, in all Kindreds and Nations, and amongst People of all Professions whatsoever. This, in the universal Spirit of God's Divine Love, is the Desire of my Soul. Back from Anguilla we went to Nevis, and from Nevis to Antigua; and notwithstanding our Sloop was a dull Sailer, yet we were preserved from the Enemy, to the Admiration of ourselves, Friends, and others, our Course being in the very Road of the Privateers. Just as we got into the Harbour and were landed, a Privateer came by with a Prize along with her, as we supposed, which excited our Thankfulness to the Lord for our Preservation. Here we met with the Packet-Boat bound for Jamaica, and thence for England. We staid a little at the Island call'd Saint Christophers. In our Way to Jamaica we saw a small Privateer, that gave us Chace, and it being calm, she rowed up towards us. The Master prepared the Vessel to fight, hoisting up his Main-sail, and putting out our Colours. In the Interim some were bold, and some sorrowful. One came to me, and asked, *What I thought of it?* And *what I thought of the Quakers Principles now?* I told him I thought I was as willing to go to Heaven, as himself was; to which he said nothing, but turned away from me. Another asked me, *What I would do now?* I told him, I would pray that they might be made better, and that they might be made fit to die. Then in the midst of their Noise and Hurry, in Secret I begged of the Almighty, in the Name, and for the Sake of his dear Son, that he would be pleased to cause a fresh Gale of Wind to spring up, that we might be delivered from the Enemy without shedding Blood (well knowing that few of them were fit to die) and even whilst I was thus concerned, the Lord answered my Desire and Prayer, for in a few Minutes the Wind sprung up, and we soon left them out of Sight, our Vessel sailing extraordinary well, and the next Day

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Chased by a Privateer.

1707. we got to *Jamaica*, and had divers Meetings, viz. at *Port-Royal*, *Kingston*, and *Spanish-Town*, &c. At a Meeting at *Spanish-Town*, there were divers *Jews*, to whom my Heart was very open, and I felt great Love to them, for the Sake of their Fathers *Abraham*, *Isaac*, and *Jacob*, and they were so affected with the Meeting, that they sent us some unleavened Cakes, made with fine Flour and sweet Oil, it being a Festival Time with them. We had a Meeting at *Port-Royal*, in a Place where the Earthquake had destroyed a large Building, in which Meeting I had Occasion to remind them of the righteous Judgments of God, which had been justly inflicted on them for their Sins and Wickedness. Some wept, and some were rude. The People here, as I was informed, were generally very wicked. After having had divers Meetings, the Packet in which we had taken our Passage, being oblig'd to stay but ten Days, we went off sooner than we otherwise should have done, and solemnly taking Leave of those Friends that were there, we went on board our Vessel, in order for *England*, by God's Permission. We got readily through the *Windward Passage*, which is between the Islands of *Cuba* and *Hispaniola*; and divers Times after we left *Jamaica*, we were chased by several Ships, but they could not come up with us. One Ship of twenty-eight Guns gave us Chace after a great Storm, and was almost up with us before we could well make Sail; they being eager of their Prey, sent their Hands aloft to let their Reefs out of the Topsails, in order to make more Speed, and came running mightily towards us, and gained much upon us; we fearing to make Sail, by reason of the Storm, and the Sea running very high, and our Masts being therefore in Danger, we were some Time in Doubt, whether we should escape or not: But whilst we were in this Consternation, down came the *French Ship's* three Topmasts at once, so we escaped, and left her, and went rejoicing on our Way,

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that we were thus delivered. This was one of the great and remarkable Deliverances among the many I met with, by the good Hand and Providence of the Lord, my great and good Master, whom I hope to serve all my Days. 1707.

After having been at Sea about six Weeks, we began to look out for Land, and in two or three Days we founded, and found Ground, at about ninety Fathoms; after which we saw two *French* Privateers, that gave us Chace about four a Clock in the Morning, and pursued us vigorously; but sailing better than they, we run them out of Sight by eight a Clock the same Morning, and in about two Hours after we saw the Land of *Ireland*; it being misty Weather, with Rain and Wind, our Master thought it best to lay by and forbear Sailing, that Coast being Rocky and dangerous, by which Means the two Ships (that gave us Chace) came up with us, and found us not in sailing Order, and were in Gun-shot of us before we were aware of it. What to do now we could not tell, until they began to fire at us; but in this Emergency and Strait our Master resolved he would rather run the Vessel on Shore than they should have her, she being richly laden with Indigo, Silver, and Gold, reckoned to the Value of Fifty Thousand Pounds. In this Strait, we must either fall into the Hands of the *French*, who were our Enemies, or run against the Rocks; and we thought it best to fall into the Hands of the Almighty, and trust to his Providence; so towards the Rocks we went, which looked with a terrible Aspect. The native *Irish* seeing us, they came down in great Numbers, and ran on the Rocks, and called to us, saying, *That if we came any nearer we should be dashed to Pieces.* Then our Master ordered the Anchor to be let go, which brought her up before she struck; and, with much ado, he put his Boat out into the Sea, and put in all the Passengers, in order to set them on Shore, the Waves running

On the Coast of *Ireland* in eminent Danger.

Got safe on the *Irish* Shore.

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very high, so that it looked as if every Wave would have swallowed us up; and it was a great Favour of Providence that we got to Land in Safety. The Privateers not daring to come so near the Shore as we did, after firing at us, went away, and our Master carried the Ship into the Harbour of *Kinsale* in *Ireland*. Thus through many Perils and Dangers we were preserved, and got safe on the *Irish* Shore, for which, and all other the Mercies and Favours of the most High, my Soul and Spirit did give Glory and Praise! In this Voyage we were about seven Weeks at Sea.

When I came from my Home at *Philadelphia*, I did intend (the Lord permitting) to visit Friends in *Ireland*, and being accidentally cast on Shore there, I thought it my Place first to go through that Nation. I had been in *Ireland* about nine Years before, and then being but young, and now being more grown in Body, my old Acquaintance and Friends did not at first know me; but we were kindly and lovingly received by our Friends and Brethren in that Nation, where there is a great and numerous People, that serve and worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth, and who have divers good and wholesome Orders established amongst them, in the Unity and Fellowship of the Gospel. In this Nation we had many and large Meetings after our Landing, visiting Friends Meetings along to the North, many, not of our Society, coming to them, among whom we often had good Service, to our and their Satisfaction, as they often declared, *Richard Gove* being still with me. Friends from their National Meeting certified to our Brethren in *America*, of our Service and Labour of Love among them, after we had travelled several Hundred Miles, and visited Friends Meetings generally, and some other Places where it was not usual. While I was in *Ireland*, under a Concern for the Prosperity of Truth and Religion, I wrote an *Exhortation to*

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the Youth, and others, which was afterwards printed 1707.

We took Ship in the North of *Ireland*, at a Town called *Donaghadee*, being accompanied with divers Brethren, who brought us on our Way after a godly Sort. We got to *Port-Patrick*, in *Scotland*, after about five Hours Sail, in order to visit those few Friends that were scattered about in that Part of the Nation. People in those Parts looked very shy on us, and did not care to discourse with us on Matters Civil or Religious, which I thought unreasonable. The first Town or City we came to, in which we had a Meeting, was *Glasgow* (accounted the second City in *North Britain*) where, in our Meeting for the Worship of the Almighty, we were shamefully treated, by the People throwing Dirt, Stones, Coals, &c. amongst us, and by divers other Actions unbecoming Men (tho' *Heathens* or *Infidels*) much more People professing Christianity, so that I was constrained to tell them, that tho' I had preached the Gospel to many *Heathens*, and to divers *Jews*, as also to *Indians* and *Negroes*, and had travelled in many Countries and Nations in the World, in several Quarters thereof, and many Thousands of Miles, yet I must needs say, that I never met with the like Incivilities, and such scurrillous Treatment, no not in all my Travels. I also told them, that I had preached the Gospel of Christ among their Brethren in *New-England*, and in *Boston*, where they formerly hanged the *Quakers*, and cruelly persecuted them for their Religion, and yet they did not treat us so brutishly even there. And further I told them, that I lived in those Parts of *America*, and what Account I should have to carry Home to their aforesaid Brethren, of our Treatment in *Glasgow*, the second City in *Scotland*. I desir'd them to consider of it, and be ashamed, if they had any Shame. This a little abashed them for the present, but afterwards they were as bad as ever. There were at this Meeting

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divers Collegians, who were very rude. I asked if that was their Way of treating Strangers? And that I believed their Teachers in the University did not allow of such ill Manners, by which they scandalized themselves, their City, and Country. From this City we went to *Hamilton* and *Gersshore*, where they were more civil. At *Gersshore* a Man of Letters, and sober Conversation, begged that I would pray to the Almighty, that he would establish him in the Doctrine which he had heard that Day. This being rare in those Parts, therefore I thus minute it here. We went on towards the North of *Scotland*, to *Aberdeen*, and thereabouts, where there is a tender hearted People, among whom we had several large Gatherings, and some that were not of us, express'd their Satisfaction. In the North I met with a Gentleman, who coming from a Nobleman's House, joined me, and asked me, *If I knew Robert Barclay?* I said not personally, but by his Writings I knew him well. He told me, *That he (Barclay) had not left his Fellow in Scotland.* We afterwards travelled Southward, where there were but few Friends, and small Meetings; yet we may say, that the Goodness, Love and Presence of Him, who said, *Where two or three are gathered in my Name, there am I in the Midst of them*, was oftentimes witnessed to be with us, blessed be his Holy Name. Oh! that the Children of Men would praise him in Thought, Word, and Deed, for he is worthy. So in great Reverence and holy Fear, we travelled along towards *South-Britain*, had several Meetings at *Edinburgh*, and divers other Places; also at *Berwick upon Tweed*, where there were many Soldiers who were very rude. The Devil hath had many Battles with us, ever since we were a People, in order to hinder us in our Worship, but we generally came off with Victory, as we did here also, through Faith in his Name, *Who bath loved us, and manifested himself to us.* Those rude Soldiers throwed their Hats into the Congregation, in order

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to disturb us, and hinder us in our Service, but were 1708.
 at last asham'd and disappointed. At this Place my
 dear Friend and Fellow-traveller, *Richard Gove*, and I
 parted: I was for going by the East Sea-Coast up for
London, and he inclin'd towards *Cumberland*, after we
 had travelled about a Year in the Work of the Ministry,
 in great Love and true Friendship, in which Work we
 were true Helpers one of another; and as we had labour-
 ed together in the Work of Christ, so we parted in his
 Love. Now from *Berwick* I travelled along to *New-*
castle; had one Meeting by the Way, and several
 good Meetings at *Newcastle*, *Sunderland*, *Shotton*, and *Newcastle:*
Durham, and several other Places in the Bishoprick of *Sunderland.*
Durham. The Winter coming on apace, it began to
 be bad travelling; and I being already much spent
 by it, designed to go speedily up to *London*; and
 taking some Meetings in my Way, as at *Stockton*,
Whitby, *Scarborough*, *Burlington*, *Hull*, and *Brigg*,
 and so on through *Lincolnshire*, where I went to visit a *Lincoln*
 Friend that was Prisoner in the Castle of *Lincoln*, *shire.*
 because for Conscience Sake he could not pay an
 ungodly Priest the Tythe of his Labour. From
Lincoln I proceeded to *Huntington*, about which Place
 we had several large Meetings, so on to *Baldock*,
 where I met with my Father and *John Gopsil*, who
 came from *London* to meet me, which was a joyful
 Meeting, for I had not seen my Father for about nine
 Years. The Love and Tenderness between us, and
 the Gladness in seeing each other again, cannot well
 be expressed (but I believe it was somewhat like *Jacob*
 and *Joseph's* meeting in *Egypt*;) it was affecting and
 melting: Blessed be the Almighty that gave me once
 more to see my tender and aged Parent! So from
Baldock we went to *Hitching*, and had a Meeting there,
 as also at *Hertsford*, from whence, with several
 Friends, I went to *Enfield*, where I met with my
 dear and only Brother *George*, and there were with
 us several of my Relations, and divers others of our
 Friends;

1708. Friends: We were heartily glad to see one another; From *Enfield* we went forward for *London*, and by the Way we met with several Friends (of the Meeting of *Horslydown*, to which I did belong from my Childhood) who came to meet me, and accompanied us to *London*.

I stay'd in and about the City most of the Winter, visiting Meetings when I was well and in Health; for thro' often changing the Climates, I got a severe Cold, and was ill for several Weeks, so that I was not at any Meeting, which Time was very tedious to me; not so much because of my Illness, as that I was deprived of divers Opportunities and Meetings (which are in that City every Day of the Week except the last.) When I was a little got over this Illness, I went into *Hertfordshire*, and some Parts adjacent, and had Meetings at *Staines*, *Longford*, *Uxbridge*, *Walford*, *Hempstead*, *Bendish*, *Albans*, *Market-Street*, *Hitching*, *Hertford*, *Hoddesdon*, and then return'd again to *London*.

After I had been at *London* a while, I visited several other Country Meetings, as *Winchmore-Hill*, *Tottenham*, *Wandsworth*, *Plaistow*, *Deptford*, and *Epping*, and then staid about *London* some Weeks waiting for a Passage for *Holland*, which I intended to visit before I left my own Habitation.

And on the 14th of the First Month, 1708-9, I, with my Companion *John Bell*, after having acquainted our Friends and Relations (having their Consent) and taking our solemn Leave of them, we went down to *Gravesend*, and staid there two or three Days for a fair Wind. We went on board the Ship *Anne*, *John Duck*, Master, bound for *Rotterdam*, in Company with a Fleet of Vessels waiting for Wind, &c. When the Wind was fair we sailed for the Coast of *Holland*, and when we arrived on that Coast the Wind was contrary, and blew very hard, so that some of the Ships in Company lost their Anchors; but on the

the 27th of the same Month we arrived safe at *Rotterdam* in *Holland*. On the First Day Morning we went to Meeting at *Rotterdam*, where Friends have a Meeting-house; and we staid at this City seven or eight Days, and had six or seven Meetings, and were comforted with our Brethren and Sisters, and greatly refreshed in the Lord Almighty. At this City we spoke without an Interpreter, because most in the Meeting understood *English*. From *Rotterdam* we travelled by the Trackscoot, (or Boat, being drawn by Horses, which is a pleasant easy Way of travelling) to a large Town called *Harlem*, where we had a Meeting, and spoke by an Interpreter; to which Meeting came divers of those People called *Menonists*: They were very sober and attentive, and stay'd all the Time of the Meeting, and spoke well of it. From *Harlem* we went to *Amsterdam*, the Metropolis of *Holland*, where Friends have a Meeting-house. Here we had several Meetings and stay'd about a Week. - On the first Day we had a large Meeting, to which came many People of divers Persuasions and Religions, as *Jews*, *Papists*, and others; and we had a good Opportunity among them, and several were tender. A *Jew* came next Day to speak with us, and did acknowledge, "That Christ was the Minister of that Sanctuary and Tabernacle that God had pitched, and not Man; and that he was sensible of the Ministry of Christ in his Soul; and, *said he*, my Heart was broken while that Subject was spoken of in the Meeting." I was glad to see the Man tender and reached; but too generally speaking, the poor *Jews* (the Seed of good *Jacob*) are very dark and unbelieving. I have met with but very few of them in my Travels that have been tender; but I do love them for *Abraham*, *Isaac*, and *Jacob's* Sake. At this Meeting *William Sewel* (the Author of the History of the Rise and Progress of the People called *Quakers*) a tender-spirited upright Man, interpreted for me. From *Amsterdam* we went to *Norib-*

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Arrived
safe at *Rotterdam*.*Harlem*.*Amsterdam*.

1709. *North-Holland*, and *John Claus* and *Peter Reyard* went with us to interpret for us; so by Boat, or Scoot, we travelled to a Town called *Twisk*, where we had two Meetings, Friends having a Meeting-house there; from *Twisk* we went back again to *Amsterdam*, and had two large Meetings there on the First Day, and Second Day in the Evening we went on Ship-board, in order to cross the South Sea to *Herlingen*, at which Place we had two Meetings, and we and Friends were glad to see one another: And indeed, we being as one Family all the World over, are generally glad to see each other. From this Place we travelled Eastward through *East-Friesland*, and went through several great Towns and Cities until we came to *Emden*, the the chief City in *East-Friesland*, where we had a comfortable Meeting by the Bed-side of one of our Friends that lay sick; and several of her Neighbours came in and stay'd till the Meeting ended; some of them were very tender and loving, and wished us well, and were well satisfied. After Meeting we set forward for *Hamburg*, it being four Days Journey by Waggon, and passed along through divers Towns and Cities: We also travelled through the City of *Oldenburg*, and a Place of great Commerce called *Bremen*. A Magistrate of this City took Notice of us, joined himself to us, and went with us to the Inn, and then very lovingly took leave of us, and desired God to bless us. The People at our Inns were generally very loving and kind to us, and some would admire at my coming so far only to visit my Friends, without any Views of Advantage or Profit outwardly. When we got to *Hamburg* we had a Meeting at *Jacob Hagen's*, and those that were there, were well satisfied with the Doctrine of Truth, blessed be God, who, I may say, was with us at that Time and Place! At *Hamburg* there was at Meeting one who had preached before the King of *Denmark*; who, as I understood by our Interpreter, was turned out of his Place, for preaching

preaching the same Truths that we had preached there that Day; at which Meeting were *Papists, Lutherans, Calvinists, Menonists, Jews, &c.* All of them were sober, and generally expressed their Satisfaction. I had so much Comfort in that Meeting, that I thought it was worth my Labour in coming from my Habitation, the Answer of Peace was such to my Soul, that I greatly rejoiced in my Labour in the Work of Christ. From hence I travelled to *Frederickstadt*, it being two Days Journey (where Friends have a Meeting-house.) We stay'd about ten Days, and had nine Meetings in this City. Some of the Meetings were very large, and the longer we stay'd, the larger they were. This *Frederickstadt* is a City in the Dominions of the Duke of *Holstein*, and was the farthest Place we travelled to Eastward; and from hence I wrote a small Piece, called, *A loving Invitation unto Young and Old in Holland and elsewhere*; which was translated into the *German* and *Low-Dutch* Languages; and divers Impressions of them were also printed in *England*.

We travelled in this Journey thro' some Parts of the Emperor of *Germany's* Dominions, as also of the Kings of *Denmark* and *Swedeland*, and of the Duke of *Oldenburgh's* and Prince of *East-Friesland's* Territories, besides some Parts of the *Seven Provinces* of the united States. We parted with our Friends of this City of *Frederickstadt*, in much Love and Tenderneſs, and with our Hearts full of good Will one towards another, and so went back to the City of *Emdden* a nearer Way, by two Days Journey, than to go by *Hamburg*. We cross'd the Rivers *Eyder*, *Else*, and *Weiser*; over which last we were rowed by three Women. The Women in those Parts of the World are strong and robust, and used to hard Labour. I have seen them do not only the Work of Men, but of Horses; it being common with them to do the most laborious, and the Men the lightest and easiest Work. I remember that

1709. I once saw near *Hamburg* a fair well dressed Woman, who, by her Dress, or Appearance, was a Woman of some Note, and a Man (which I took to be her Husband) walking by her; and she was very great with Child, and the Way difficult, being up a very steep Hill, and he did not so much as offer his Hand, or Assistance to her; which, however it might look to a Man of that Country, it seem'd very strange to me being a Briton. For my Part, I thought it unmanly, as well as unmannerly: On which I observe, that I never in any Part of the World, saw Women so tenderly dealt by as our English, or British Women, which they ought to value and prize highly, and therefore, to be the more loving and obedient to their Husbands, the indulgent Englishmen; which Indulgence I blame not, but commend, so far as it is a Motive to stir them up to Love and Faithfulness.

Delfzeel.

In this Journey between *Frederickstadt* and *Embden*, we had four Days hard travelling, and were twice overturned out of our Waggon, but we got no Harm, which was admirable to us; for once we fell, Waggon and all, over a great Bank, just by the side of a large Ditch, and did but just save ourselves out of the Ditch. The next Time we overset upon Stones: We wondered that none of us were hurt, particularly myself, I being much heavier than any of the rest; but thro' the Mercy of God, we got well to *Embden*, the second Time, and had a Meeting upon a First Day, and immediately after Meeting we took Ship for *Delfzeel* (which was from *Embden* about nine or ten English Miles by Water) and with a fair Gale of Wind, got there in less than two Hours Time. We spoke by Interpreters all along, and were divinely helped to preach the Gospel to the Satisfaction of others, and our own Comfort; and the Friend who interpreted for us, was sensible of the same divine Assistance, to his Admiration, for which we were all truly thankful. But notwithstanding we were so opened, to the Satisfaction of ourselves, our Friends, and the

the People, yet we were sometimes emptied to exceeding great spiritual Poverty, and in the Sense of our Want and Need, we did many Times pour out our Souls and Spirits in humble Prayer and Supplication to the most High, for his Help and Strength, that it might be made manifest to us in our Weakness; and we found him a God near at Hand, and often a present Help in the needful Time; and had a sweet Answer to our Prayers. Oh that my Soul, with all the Faithful, may dwell near to him, in whom alone is the Help and Strength of all his faithful Servants and Ministers! Amen.

From Delfzeel we went to Groenningen, the chief City in Groenigland, and so on to a River called the Wouder, and to a Town named Goradiok, where we had a Meeting with a few Friends there, and some of their Neighbours came to the Meeting. It was to us a comfortable Meeting, and they were glad of it, they being but seldom visited by Friends. From this Place we travelled by Waggon to Hervine, where we lodged that Night, and next Day went by Waggon to Leuwarden. It happened that we had generally very fine Weather while in those open Waggon, in which we travelled several Hundred Miles, so that Jacob Claus, our Companion and Interpreter, tho' he had travelled much, said he never had observed the like before; which Observation I thought good to make, with Thanks to the Almighty.

From the City of Leuwarden, we came by Water to Herlingen, where Friends were glad to see us, and we them. We had a Meeting in Friends Meeting-house, and a good comfortable One it was, blessed be the Lord for it! From hence we crossed the South-Sea, and had a contrary Wind, which made our Passage long and tedious. We were two Days and two Nights on this Water before we got to Amsterdam, in all which, and the next Day, I tasted no Food, being three

1709. three Days fasting. I was willing to keep my Body under, and found it for my Health; neither had I any Desire of Food in those three Days, in which Time we had two Meetings. We arrived at *Amsterdam* about the sixth Hour, on the First Day Morning, and had two Meetings at *Amsterdam* that Day, which were quiet, and many People came to one of them: But we could not be clear without going again to *North-Holland*; so from *Amsterdam* we went to *Horn*, where we had a Meeting in the Collegian's Meeting-house, and it was to Satisfaction: The People were very loving, and divers very tender, even more than we had usually seen. They desired another Meeting, but our Time would not admit of it, we having appointed a Meeting at *Twisk* the next Day, which we had in the Meeting-Place, as also another at a Friend's House. The next Day we returned to *Amsterdam*, and had a Meeting, which began about the fifth Hour, which was the last Meeting we had in this City, and I hope it will not easily be forgotten by some. After it we solemnly took our Leave of Friends, and departed for *Harlem*, where we were well refreshed in the Love and Life of Christ Jesus, our dear Lord, and good Master. From *Harlem* we went with several Friends to *Rotterdam*, where we had two Meetings, and in the Evening we went to visit a Friend that was not well, with whom we had a Meeting, and affecting Time, and the sick Friend was comforted and refreshed, and said, *she was much better than before*; and we were edified, and the Lord our God praised and magnified over all, who is blessed for ever.

In those Parts, viz. *Holland, Friesland, Germany, &c.* we travelled 972 *English* Miles, all in Waggon's and Vessels. We came not on a Horse's Back all the Time. It was about nine Weeks that we stay'd in those Countries, travelling therein, and getting Meetings

ings where we could, which were to the Number of 1709.
Forty-five, thus accounted :

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| At Rotterdam | 10 | At Horn | 1 |
| Harlem | 3 | Hamburg | 1 |
| Amsterdam | 10 | Embsen | 2 |
| Twisk | 4 | Frederickstadt | 10 |
| Herlingen | 3 | Goradick | 1 |

All these are large Cities, except Twisk and Goradick.

From Rotterdam we took Ship for London, and on the 30th of the Third Month 1709, we sailed down the River Meuse to the Briel, in the Ship *Anne*, John Duck Master, but he missing the Convoy, we took our Passage in the Packet; and so from Helvoetsluys we sailed over to Harwich, and thus safely arrived in our native Land, blessing Almighty God for his many Preservations and Deliverances by Sea and Land.

About this Time (after a long Continuance of War) there was a great talking of Peace; but the old Enemy to Peace, Truth, and Righteousness, broke it off by his evil Working in Man: Neither can there be any lasting Peace, until the Nations come to the Witnessing of the peaceable Government and Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, to be set up and established in themselves. The Lord bring it to pass, if it be his blessed Will, with Speed, for his holy Name's Sake! Amen.

As I have had great Peace and Satisfaction in my Travels in Holland and Germany, so, for exciting others under the like Exercise, I may truly say, that there is Encouragement for faithful Ministers to labour in the Work of the Gospel: For I know not that I ever met with more Tenderness and Openness in People, than in those Parts of the World. There is a great People which they call *Menonists*, who are very near to Truth, and the Fields are white unto Harvest

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among divers of that People, spiritually speaking. Oh! that faithful Labourers, not a few, might be sent of God Almighty into the great Vineyard of the World, is what my Soul and Spirit breathes to him for!

*Ipswich.
Colchester,
&c.*

*London.
Yearly
Meeting.*

After lodging one Night at *Harwich*, we came to *Ipswich*, and from thence to *Colchester*, and stay'd there the First Day, and had two Meetings; and had a Meeting at *Birch* and *Coggeshall*, and then back to *Colchester*, where we took Coach for *London*, to the Yearly-meeting of Friends, which was very large. I gave some short Account of my Travels to the said Meeting, with which Friends were satisfied, and made a Minute thereof. I had been about twenty Months from my Habitation, and from my dear and affectionate Wife, and from any manner of Trade and Business, either directly, or indirectly, being all that Time wholly given up in my Mind to preach the glorious Gospel of God our Saviour, without any outward Consideration whatever, taking my great Master's Counsel, *As I had freely received from him, so I freely gave*; and had that solid Peace in my Labours that is of more Value than Gold, yea, than all the World.

*Visits the
Meetings
of Friends
in England
and Wales.*

From the Yearly-meeting I travelled through some Parts of most of the Counties in *England*, and also in *Wales*: In which Service I laboured fervently, and often travelled hard, in Body and Mind, until the next Yearly-meeting 1710, having travelled that Year about Two Thousand Five Hundred Miles, and had near Three Hundred publick Meetings, in many of which there were much People, and oftentimes great Openness. I being at so many Friends Houses, and at so many Meetings, if I was to be particular in the same it would be too voluminous, for which, and some Reasons besides, I only give a general Account thereof here.

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In this Year (*viz.* 1710) my dear Friend and Fellow-traveller, *Richard Gove*, departed this Life, at *Uxbridge*, about fifteen Miles from *London*, at our Friend

Friend *Richard Richardson's* House. He died of a ^{1710.} Consumption. We travelled together in great Love and Unity, and the Lord blessed his Work in our Hands. We were in Company in the *West-India* Islands, *Ireland* and *North-Britain*, till we came to *Berwick on Tweed*. We met together again at *London*, and he visited some other Parts of *Britain* in the Time I was in *Holland* and *Germany*. He was an inoffensive, loving Friend, and had a sound Testimony, which was serviceable and convincing, and was well-beloved in *Philadelphia*, where he lived. He left a good Savour and Report behind him (I think) where-ever he travelled in the World.

Now at this general Meeting in *London*, I had a ^{London Yearly Meeting.} good Opportunity to take my Leave of my dear Friends and Brethren in my native Land, not expecting to see it, or them any more, in this World. Oh! I may truly say, it was a solemn Parting! It was a solemn Time to me indeed. After the Yearly-meeting was over, I took my Passage in the *Mary-hope*, *John Annis* Master, bound for *Philadelphia*; and on the 29th of the Fourth Month 1710, at ^{Gravesend.} *Gravesend*, after having taken my solemn Leave of our Relations, and several of my dear Friends, we set Sail, and overtook the *Russia* Fleet at *Harwich*, and so joined them, and sailed with them as far as *Sbetland*, which is to the Northward of the Isles of *Orkney*. We were with the Fleet about two Weeks, and then left them, and sail'd ^{At Sea.} to the Westward for *America*. In this Time we had rough Seas, which made divers of us Sea-sick. After we left *Sbetland*, we were seven Weeks and four Days at Sea before we saw the Land of *America*, and glad we were when we got Sight thereof. In this Time we had divers sweet and solemn Meetings, viz. on First Days and Fifth Days, wherein we worshipped and praised the Great J E H O V A H, and many Things were opened in the Spirit of Love and Truth, to our Comfort and Edification. We had one Meet-

1710. ing with the *Germans* or *Palatines*, on the Ship's Deck, and one that understood both Languages interpreted for me. The People were tender and wrought upon, behaved sober, and were well satisfied: And I can truly say, I was well satisfied also.

In this Voyage we had our Health to Admiration; and I shall observe one Thing worthy of my Notice. Some of my loving and good Friends in *London*, fearing a Sickness in the Ship, as she was but small, considering there were so many Souls on board her, being ninety-four in Number, they, for that and other Reasons, advised me not to go in her; for they loved me well, and I took it kindly of them: But I could not be easy to take their Advice, because I had been long from my Habitation and Business, and which was yet more, from my dear and loving Wife: And notwithstanding the Vessel was so full and crowded, and also several of the People taken into the Ship sick in the River of *Thames*, yet they mended on board the Vessel apace, and were soon all brave and hearty, being perfectly recovered at Sea, and the Ship, thro' the Providence of the Almighty, brought them all well to *Philadelphia*, in the Seventh Month 1710: (I think I never was in a more healthy Vessel in all my Time, and I thought this peculiar Favour worthy to be recorded by me.) We had a very pleasant Passage up the River *Delaware*, to our great Satisfaction, the *Palatines* being wondrously pleased with the Country, mightily admiring the Pleasantness and the Fertility of it. Divers of our People went on Shore, and brought Fruit on board, which was the largest and finest they had ever seen, as they said, *viz.* Apples, Peaches, &c.

I was from my Family and Habitation in this Journey and Travel for the Space of three Years, within a few Weeks; in which Time, and in my Return, I had sweet Peace to my Soul, Glory to God for evermore! I had Meetings every Day when on Land,
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except Second and Seventh Days (when in Health, and nothing extraordinary hindered) and travelled by Sea and Land Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred Miles, according to our *English* Account. I was kindly and tenderly received by my Friends, who longed to see me, as I did them, and our Meeting was comfortable and pleasant.

After this long Travel and Voyage I stay'd at Home, and looked after the little Family which God had given me, and kept duly to Meetings, except something extraordinary hindered. Divers People, when I came Home, raised a false Report of me, and said, I had brought Home a great deal of Money and Goods, that I had got by Preaching; which was utterly false and base; for I brought neither Money or Goods, so much as to the Value of Five Pounds, except my wearing Apparel; so much the Reverse, that I borrowed Money at *London* to pay for my Accommodations Home, the which I faithfully remitted back again to my Friend that lent it me, to whom I was much obliged for the same: And if I might have gained a Hundred Pounds *per Annum*, it would not have tempted me to undertake that, or such another Journey. Soon after my Return Home again, I visited a few neighbouring Meetings, which were large and edifying, Friends being glad to see me again return'd Home from that long Journey. And I did (as I had Reason to do) bless the holy Name of the Lord, for his many Preservations and Deliverances by Sea and Land.

After some Stay at *Philadelphia*, I went down with my Wife and Family into *Maryland*, to a Corn-Mill and Saw-Mill, which I had there, in order to live some Time, and settle my Affairs: And after being there some Time, my dear Wife was taken ill of a sore Disease, which some thought to be an Ulcer in the Bladder, and I had her up to *Philadelphia*, she being carried as far as *Chester* in a Horse-litter, where she continued for some Months in much Misery, and

1711. *extream Pain, at the House of our very kind Friends, David and Grace Lloyd, whose Kindness to us in that sore, trying, and exercising Time, was great, and is not to be forgotten by me, while I live in this World. From Chester we removed her again in a Litter, being accompanied by our Friends, to Philadelphia, where she continued very ill all that Winter, often thinking that Death tarried long, and crying mightily to the Lord, Ob! Come away, come away! This was her Cry Day and Night, 'till at last she could speak no more. As we lived together in great Love and Unity, being very affectionate one to another; so being now left alone I was very solitary, and sometimes sorrowful, and broken into many Tears, in the Sense of my Loss and Lonesomeness. This my dear Wife, was a virtuous young Woman, and one that truly feared God, and loved his dear Son; from whom she had received a good Gift of the Ministry, and was serviceable to many therein. I had five Children by her, four Sons and one Daughter, all which I buried before her, under three Years old. At the Yearly-meeting before she died, she was so wonderfully carried forth in her Ministry, by the divine Grace, that divers of her Friends believed she was near her End, she signifying something to that Effect in her Testimony, and that she should not live to see another Yearly-meeting: And so it came to pass; for she died before another Yearly-meeting, being aged about thirty-five Years, and a married Woman about thirteen Years. Her Body was carried to Friends Meeting-house in Philadelphia, and buried in Friends burying Ground, being accompanied by many Hundreds of our Friends, in a solemn Manner: And my Heart was greatly broken in Consideration of my great Loss; and being left alone as to Wife and Children, I many Times deeply mourned, tho' I well knew my Loss was her's and their Gain!*

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which was declared by the Help and Grace of Christ; 1713. and many Times, my Heart was, by the Assistance of that Grace, wonderfully opened to the People. If I should be particular in the Account of these Journeys, it would enlarge this Part of my Journal more than I am willing.

In *Virginia* I had a Meeting at *James's River*, where a Priest of the Church of *England*, with some of his Hearers, made some Opposition (after our Meeting was over) and were for disputing about Religion; and he openly declared, "The Spirit was not his Guide, nor Rule; and he hoped, never should be. But, *he said*, the Scriptures were his Rule, and that there was no need of any other; and that they were as plain as *Gunter's Line*, or as 1, 2, 3." I told him, *The Scriptures were a good secondary Rule, and that it were well if Men would square their Lives according to their Directions; which we, as a People, exhorted all to: But that the holy Spirit, from which the holy Scriptures came, must needs be preferable to the Letter, that came from it; and without which holy Spirit, The Letter kills, as saith the Apostle. I also asked him, How he, or any else, without the Light, or Influence of the holy Spirit, could understand the Scriptures, which were parabolically and allegorically expressed, in many Places? And further to use his own Expression, How could any understand Gunter's Line, without Gunter's Knowledge? Or without they were taught by Gunter, or some other? Neither can we be the Sons of God, without the Spirit of God. Which he answered not, but went away.*

In *New-England*, one *Joseph Metcalf*, a *Presbyterian* Teacher at *Falmouth*, wrote a Book, intitled, *Legal Forcing a Maintenance for a Minister of the Gospel, warrantable from Scripture, &c.* Which Book a Friend of *Sandwich* gave me, and desired I would answer it; which, after finding some Exercise on my Mind, for the Cause of Truth, I was willing to undertake;

1713. dertake; and accordingly wrote an Answer thereto, which I called, *Forcing a Maintenance, not warrantable from the holy Scriptures, for a Minister of the Gospel*. In which I endeavoured to set the Texts of Scripture in a true Light, which he had darkened and misrepresented by his chimerical Doctrines.

South Carolina.

In this Year 1713, I went from *Philadelphia*, in the *Hope Gally*, *John Richmond* Master, for *South-Carolina*. We were about a Month at Sea; and when it pleased God that we arrived at *Charles-Town*, in *South-Carolina*, we had a Meeting there, and divers others afterwards. There are but few Friends in this Province; yet I had several Meetings in the Country: The People were generally loving, and received me kindly. What I had to declare to them, I always desired to speak to the Witness of God in the Soul, and according to the pure Doctrine of Truth in the holy Scriptures; and there was Openness in the People in several Places. I was several Times to visit the Governor, who was courteous and civil to me. He said, *I deserved Encouragement*; and spoke to several to be generous, and contribute to my Assistance. He meant an outward Maintenance; for he would have me encouraged to stay among them. But I told him, that tho' it might be a Practice with them, to maintain their Ministers, and pay them Money for preaching, it was contrary to our Principles to be paid for preaching; agreeable to the Command of our great Master, Christ Jesus, who said to his Ministers, *Freely you have received, freely give*: So that we are limited by his Words, whatever others are: And those who take a Liberty, contrary to his Doctrine and Command, I think, must be *Antichrists*, according to holy Scripture. The longer I staid there, the larger our Meetings were; and when I found myself free and clear of those Parts, I took my Passage for *Virginia* in a Sloop, *Henry Tucket* Master. I had a comfortable and quick Passage to *James's River*, it being

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being about two Hundred Leagues. The Master of the Vessel told me, *That he believed he was blessed for my Sake.* I wished him to live so as that he might be blessed for Christ's Sake. And some Reformation was begun on him in our Voyage; which was the Goodness of God, thro' Christ, to him, and not to be attributed to me, any farther than an Instrument in the divine Hand; for of ourselves we cannot do any Thing that is Good, it being by Grace, thro' Faith, that we are saved, which is God's Gift to the Soul. 1713.

After I had been some Time in *Virginia*, I got a Passage up the Bay of *Chesapeake*, and had several Meetings in *Maryland*, Friends being glad to see me; and we were comforted in Christ our Lord. I made some little Stay at a Place I had in that Province, called *Longbridge*, and then returned to *Philadelphia*, where I lodged at the House of my very kind Friends *Richard and Hannab Hill*; and was oftentimes at divers neighbouring Meetings; and sometimes had good Service therein. *Maryland. Philadelphia.*

About this Time I had an Inclination to alter my Condition of being a Widower, to a married State; and the most suitable Person that I (with some of my good Friends) could think upon, was *Martba*, the Widow of *Joseph Brown*: And on the 15th of the Second Month 1714, we were joined together in Marriage, with the Unity of Friends in general. We had a large Meeting at our Marriage, the Solemnization thereof being attended with the Grace and Goodness of God; and, for Example-sake, we made but little Provision for our Guests: For great Entertainments at Marriages and Funerals, began to be a growing Thing among us, which was attended with divers Inconveniences. 1714.

My Wife was a sober and religious young Woman, and of a quiet natural Temper and Disposition; which is an excellent Ornament to the fair Sex: And indeed it is so both to Male and Female; for according to the holy

1714. holy Scriptures, *A meek and quiet Spirit is with the Lord of great Price.*

The first Child we had I called *Abigail* (or the Father's Joy, as the Word signifies) and while she lived, I had Joy and Comfort in her, even more than I could expect, her Age considered; for she lived but about eighteen Months, yet in that Time gave frequent Proofs of an uncommon Capacity, and dropt such extraordinary Expressions, that I have said to her Mother, *This Child is too ripe for Heaven to live long on Earth, therefore let us not set our Hearts upon it.* And I have thought, that in this Child, the Saying of Christ was fulfilled, even in the Letter of it, *Out of the Mouths of Babes and Sucklings, thou hast perfected Praise*, Mat. xxi. 16.

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I was at divers Yearly Meetings in 1715, viz. at *Choptank* in *Maryland*; at *Shrewsbury* and *Salem* in *New-Jersey*; all which Meetings were very large and comfortable; many Things being opened therein, tending to the convincing and establishing the People in the Truth and Doctrine of Christ. I was likewise at divers other Meetings in those Provinces; which were large and satisfactory.

At *Salem* Yearly Meeting I was sent for to the Prison, where there was a young Woman that was to be try'd for her Life. She desired that I would pray for her, and charged me to warn the young People to be careful not to keep bad Company: *For*, said she, *it has been my Ruin, and brought me to this Shame and Reproach.* She had been tenderly brought up and educated; I knew her when she wore a Necklace of Gold Chains, tho' now she wore Iron ones: Upon which Subject I had afterwards a large Opportunity to speak to the People in a very moving Manner; which seem'd to very much affect the Youth, and others in the Meeting, which consisted of many Hundreds of People. I saw this young Woman afterwards, the Jury acquitting her; and

I told her, that her Life was given her for a Prey; 1715.
and reminded her, how it was with her when she was
in Prison in Chains; and I advised her to walk more
circumspectly for the future; which she said, she hoped
she should do.

In the Year 1716, I had some Concerns which 1716.
drew me to the Island of *Bermudas* (to which Island I
went twice that Summer.) My Family increasing, I
traded a little to Sea for their Support and Mainte-
nance: And I can truly say, I carried on my Affairs
and Business in the Fear of God, having an Eye, or
Regard therein, more to his Glory, than to my own
Interest. We had a rough Passage to this Island (in
the first Voyage) and were forced, by Distress of
Weather, to cast some of our Goods into the Sea;
and the Storm being very violent, some of the Seamen
thought we should be devoured by the Waves; and
as for me, they had shut me up in the Cabbin alone, all
in Darkness, and the Water came in so that they were
forced to take it out in Buckets. When the Storm
was a little over, the Master came to me, and asked,
How I did all alone in the Dark? I told him, *Pretty
well*; and said to him, *I was very willing to die if it so
pleased God*: And indeed I did expect no other at
that Time. After this great Storm was over, we ar-
rived at *Bermudas* in a few Days; but going into the
Harbour the Bottom of the Vessel struck the Rocks,
but we got well in; for which I was thankful to the
Almighty. I stay'd on the Island about a Month, and
had several Meetings, to some of which, many came
who were not called Friends. They were all sober,
and some well satisfied; and the People of the Island
generally received me lovingly, and were very kind to
me. (*Our Ancients, who bore the Burden and Heat of
the Day, met with very different Treatment. I tenderly
desire that we who come up after them, may be truly
bumble and thankful to the Almighty for all his Mercies!*)

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By Reason of my outward Affairs, I had Opportunities with some Persons of great Note and Business on this Island; and sometimes opened the Principles of Friends to their Satisfaction; some of them told me, *They never understood so much concerning our Friends before; and if what I said was true, they had been misinformed.* Divers such Opportunities I had with several on this Island, there being but very few of our Society.

These are called the *Summer Islands*, or *Bermudas*, there being many little Islands in the midst of the Main Island, in Form like a Horse-shoe, and are but two Hundred Leagues distance from the Capes of *Delaware*. It is rare to see Hail, Snow, or Ice there.

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After I had done my Business, and had been for some Time on the Island, I had a ready and comfortable Passage Home, where I was joyfully received.

Bermudas.

After some little Stay at Home, I went the Second Time (that Summer) to *Bermudas*, and then also I had some Meetings, and did some Business on the Island. It was my constant Care, that my worldly Affairs should not hinder me in my religious Concern for the good of Souls. It happened at this Time there was a mighty Hurricane of Wind, so that it blew many Houses to the Ground, and very many Trees up by the Roots, and rent divers Rocks asunder, which I was an Eye-Witness of: Tho' it is to be observed, that those Rocks in the *Summer Islands*, are not so hard as in some other Parts of the World, particularly to the Northward; for here they saw them with Saws, and cut them with Axes like Wood. I was told there were sixty Sail of Vessels then at these Islands, and all drove on Shore but three, and ours was one of the three that rode out the Storm; for which I was truly thankful. In this great Storm, or Hurricane, several Sloops (there being no Ships) were driven upon dry Land, so that after the Storm was over, one might go round them at High Water, and

and several blown off the dry Land into the Water. 1716.
One that was ready to be launch'd, tho' fastened on the Stocks with two Cables and Anchors put deep in the Ground, yet the Violence of the Wind blew her into the Water, and dashed her all to Pieces.

About this Time the Bermudas People had got a vast Treasure of Silver and Gold out of the Spanish Wrecks; and at a Meeting which I had with a pretty many People on the First Day of the Week before the Hurricane, or Storm of Wind, it came weightily on my Mind to exhort them, *Not to be lifted up therewith, nor exalted in Pride: For I declared to them, that the same Hand that took it from the Spaniards, could take it from those who now had got it out of the Sea; and if he pleased, by the same Way; which was a Storm that cast away the Ships going for Spain. And indeed so it happened the same Week; for it was reckoned by Men of Experience and Judgment, that they had lost more by the Storm, than they had gained by the Wrecks of the Spaniards.* A sober old Man (not of our Profession) told me the next Day after the Hurricane was over, that what I spoke in the Meeting was soon come to pass: And he added, I was a true Prophet to them. Many Houses that were not blown down were uncovered. My Landlord's House being old, several thought it would be down; but by the good Providence of God, it was one of them which stood. I was in my Store, which stood also; tho' I expected every Minute when it would have been blown down. It was by the Mercy of God we were preserved, and not for any Merit of ours. I intreated the Lord in the midst of this great Wind, that he would please to spare the Lives of the People; for many of them being Seafaring Men, were very unfit to die; at which Time I thought I was sensible of the Answer of my Prayer, and he was pleased to be intreated for them: For, notwithstanding the Violence of the Storm, and the great Destruction it made, yet not one Man, Woman,

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or Child, nor Creature was lost, that I heard of in all the Island, which was to me very admirable. The Friend of the House came to me after the Storm abated, and said, *The Lord had heard my Prayers for them.* Although they could not by any outward Knowledge, know that I had prayed for them, yet they had a Sense given them, that I was concern'd for them before the Almighty; which indeed was true. *Oh! That we may never forget the merciful Visitations of that High and Lofty One, who inhabits Eternity!*

While I was on the Island I was invited to, and kindly entertained at the Houses of several of the Gentry, and at the Governor's, who invited me several Times to his House: And once I was with him, and some of his chief Officers at Dinner, with divers of the first Rank, where I was treated very kindly; and after Dinner the Governor's Practice was to drink the King's Health, and he hoped I would drink it along with them. *Yes,* said the rest at the Table, *Mr. Chalkley (as they called me) will surely drink the King's Health with us.* So they passed the Glals, with the King's Health, till it came to me; and when it came to me, they all looked stedfastly at me, to see what I would do (and I looked as stedfastly to the Almighty) and I said to them, I love King George, and wish him as well as any Subject he hath; and it is known to Thousands that we pray for him in our Meetings and Assemblies for the Worship of Almighty G O D: But as to drinking Healths, either the King's, or any Man's else, it is against my professed Principle, I looking on it to be a vain, idle Custom. They replied, *That they wished the King had more such Subjects as I was; for I had professed a hearty Respect for him:* And the Governor and they were all very kind and friendly to me all the Time I was on the Island.

After I had finished my Concerns I embarked in the Sloop *Dove*, for *Philadelphia* (she being consign'd to me

me in the former and this Voyage.) It being often calm and small Winds, our Provisions grew very scanty. We were about twelve Persons in the Vessel, small and great, and but one Piece of Beef left in the Barrel; and for several Days, the Wind being contrary, the People began to murmur, and told dismal Stories about People eating one another for Want of Provisions; and the Wind being still against us, and, for ought we could see, like to continue, they murmured more and more, and at last, against me in particular (because the Vessel and Cargo was consign'd to me, and was under my Care) so that my inward Exercise was great about it; for neither myself, nor any in the Vessel, did imagine that we should be half so long as we were on the Voyage: But since it was so, I seriously considered the Matter; and to stop their Murmuring, I told them they should not need to cast Lots (which was usual in such Cases) which of us should die first, for I would freely offer up my Life to do them Good. One said, *God bless you, I will not eat any of you.* Another said, *He would die before he would eat any of me;* and so said several. I can truly say, on that Occasion, at that Time, my Life was not dear to me, and that I was serious and ingenuous in my Proposition: And as I was leaning over the Side of the Vessel, thoughtfully considering my Proposal to the Company, and looking in my Mind to him that made me, a very large Dolphin came up towards the Top or Surface of the Water, and looked me in the Face; and I called the People to put a Hook into the Sea, and take him, for here is one come to redeem me (said I to them;) and they put a Hook into the Sea, and the Fish readily took it, and they caught him. He was longer than myself: I think he was about six Feet long, and the largest that ever I saw. This plainly shew'd us that we ought not to distrust the Providence of the Almighty. The People were quieted by this Act of Providence, and murmured no more. We

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caught enough to eat plentifully of till we got into the Capes of Delaware. Thus I saw it was good to depend upon the Almighty, and rely upon his eternal Arm; which, in a particular Manner, did preserve us safe to our desired Port, blessed be his great and glorious Name, through Christ for ever!

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I now stay'd at, and about Home for some Time; after which I was concerned to visit Friends in several Places, and in the adjacent Provinces, as Maryland, New-Jersey, &c. and was at many Marriages and Funerals, at which, many Times, we had good Opportunities to open the Way, and also the Necessity to be married to Christ Jesus, the great Bridegroom of the Soul; and also to exhort the People to consider and prepare for their latter End and final Change; which many Times was sanctified to divers Souls, and the Lord's Name was glorified, who is worthy thereof.

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In the Year 1717 I went into Maryland, to look after my Affairs in that Province, and as I travelled I had divers Meetings at Nottingham, and at Bush-River, about which Time at Bush-River, several were convinced. The Meeting I found in a growing Condition in that which is good, several Persons meeting together in Silence to worship God, according to Christ's Institution, which was, and is, and ever will be, in Spirit and in Truth: And for the Encouragement of all such, Christ hath said, *That such the Father seeketh to worship him*: And again, *Where two or three are met together in my Name, there am I in the midst of them*. And if Christ be in the midst, there is no absolute Need of Vocal Teaching, except it be the Will of the Lord to call any to it. Let the spiritual Christian read and judge.

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After my Return I had several Meetings in the Country near Philadelphia; and about the latter End of the Eighth Month I was at divers Marriages, one of which was on the Third Day of the Week, about fifteen Miles above Philadelphia, over Delaware River.

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The next was over the River again, about twenty Miles below the City : The third was about twenty Miles further down the River, and on the opposite Side at *Salem* (on the following Days ;) so that I crossed *Delaware* River three Times in three Days, and rode about one Hundred Miles. The Meetings were all large, and Matter suitable to the Occasion freely opened to the People. These Remarks are not intended to set up Man, or exalt Flesh, but to stir up others to come up to the Work of Christ in their Generation: All the Glory and Godliness of Man is but as the Grass, which soon withers, without we dwell in the Root of true Religion, and holy Life of Christ; and that God may have the Glory of all his Works, is the End of all the Labours and Travels of the Servants and faithful Ministers of Christ.

In the Tenth Month 1717, divers Considerations moving me thereto, I took a Voyage to *Barbadoes*, in the *Snow Hope*, J. Curtis Master, and from thence to *Great Britain* and *London*; partly on account of Business, and hoping once more, if it pleased God, to see my aged Father, my Brother, Relations, and Friends; which Voyage I undertook in the solid Fear of God. I desired the Concurrence of my Wife, and my Friends and Brethren of the Meeting to which I did belong, in this Undertaking, the which I had in a general Way, and the good Wishes and Prayers of many Particulars, with a Certificate from our Monthly-meeting, signifying their Unity with my Conversation and Ministry, and present Undertaking: And felt the Love and Goodness of God therein, but in many Respects it was a great Cross to me, as the leaving my beloved Wife and Children, and many of my dear Friends, whom I loved well in Christ: And the Crossing of the Seas always was troublesome to me, being sickly at Sea, especially in windy or stormy Weather; and the Confinement was worse to me for the Time than a Prison; for it would be much easier to me to

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After this Funeral I was sent for to *Bridge Town*, to the Burial of a Master of a Ship, a young Man, who was very fresh and well a few Days before. There was a great Appearance of People, and I was pretty largely opened in the Meeting, on the Words of the Prophet, where he says, *All Flesh is Grass, and all the Goodliness thereof, is as the Flower of the Field. The Grass withereth, the Flower fadeth, because the Spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it : Surely the People is Grass. The Grass withereth, the Flower fadeth ; but the Word of our God shall stand for ever, Isaiah xl. 6, 7, 8.* And I treated of this Word, its Wonderfulness, its Duration, and its Work in Man : As also of the fading Constitution of mortal Man, though young and strong, as that young Man was a few Days before, whose Corpse was then before us.

I was at divers other Burials on this Island, which indeed doth prove a Grave to many New-comers, it being a hot Climate, makes those who are not accustomed to it, very thirsty, and by Reason of the extrem Heat, it is not easy to quench their Thirst ; so that what is called moderate Drinking, throws many Strangers into a violent Fever, and oftentimes is the Cause of their Death. I note this as a Caution to any who may transport themselves there (that may see this) that they may shun that Danger, which might be avoided by drinking cool Drinks, of which they have many Sorts very pleasant, viz. Cane, Sugar-reed, and
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White Sorrel, Pine, Orange, and divers others: And I 1717:
advise such, as they love their Health, to refrain from
drinking much hot Drinks or Spirits.

I saw several Curiosities in Nature in this Island, which among the great Numbers of the Works of God, do shew forth his Praise and Glory. One to the Leeward Part of the Island, which is called the Spout, sends up a vast Body of Water into the Air, occasioned by a great Cavity in the Rocks under the Water, which may be seen in calm Weather, when the Sea is low; but when the Wind blows (a great Body of Water being pent in a large hollow Place) it forces it up into the Air, sometimes ten, fifteen, and twenty Yards high, according as the Strength of the Wind is more or less, and makes a Report like a Cannon, or Thunder a great Way off. I believe I have seen it ten or twelve Miles out at Sea. I was also at a Place called *Oliver's Cave*, which we got to with some Difficulty, in going down the steep and craggy Rocks. There is on the outward Part next the Sea, a very large vaulted Place, in the Form of a Half-circle, about one hundred Feet high, as near as I could guess. In this large Vault, behind a Rock, is the Mouth of the Cave, not the Height of a Man at the first Entrance; after one is in, a few Yards, one may walk upright comfortably, the Bottom being pretty plain and smooth for about a hundred Yards, and then we come into a large Cave which is form'd archwise, and about ten or fifteen Yards high, as we thought, being much higher in the Middle than the Sides, but almost as regular as if it had been done by Art, which we beheld with Admiration, by the Help of Wax-Candles, and other Lights, that we made and carried for that Purpose.

When I had done my Business in *Barbadoes*, having been about thirteen Weeks there, our Vessel being loaded, we sailed from thence the 10th of the Second Month 1718, for *London*.

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London.

In this Voyage I wrote some Things which opened in my Mind at Sea, upon that excellent Sermon of Christ's upon the *Mount*, as it is recorded in the holy Scriptures of the New Testament, in the vth, vith, and viith Chapters of the Evangelist *Matthew*, but have since heard that the same is much better done by an abler Hand; and therefore it may suffice here to give the Advice, which in the Course of my Travels I have often had Occasion to do, that the Professors of Christianity should frequently read this Sermon, and be careful to practice the same; that they may not only be Christians in Name, but in Deed, and in Truth.

After visiting my Relations, and some Meetings of our Friends in and about *London*, and having finished my Business, being ready to return homeward, divers Friends accompanied us from *London* to *Gravesend*; and the Wind not being fair, we went to *Rochester*, and had a Meeting there; and then back to *Gravesend*, and there took a solemn Farewel of our Friends, recommending one another to the Grace of Christ; having this Time made but little Stay in *Britain*.

In the Fifth Month 1718, we sailed from the *Downs* in the aforesaid *Snow Hope*, divers Friends, viz. *John Danson*, *Isaac Hadwin*, *John Oxley*, *Lydia Lancaster*, *Elizabeth Rawlinson* and *Rebecca Turner*, being in Company with us: After about nine Weeks Passage from

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from Land to Land, having had Meetings on First 1718.
 Days and Fifth Days, on board all the Voyage, we
 came all safe and well to *Philadel^{phia}*, through the
 Blessing of God, where I stay'd with my Family a few
 Months, and then took another Voyage for *Barbadoes*
 and *Britain*. I was under some Concern more than
 ordinary, as to the Support and Well-being, or Ac-
 commodation of my Family, the Circumstances there-
 of being a little changed by the Increase of Children,
 remembring the Words of the Apostle, *That those who*
had not that Care and Concern, were worse than Infidels ;
 my Lord Jesus (whose Servant I profess myself to be)
 also saying, *It is better to give than receive* ; wherefore
 an Opportunity offering of the Consignment of a
 Vessel and Cargo (the *Snow Hope, Warner Holt*
Master) to *Barbadoes*, and from thence to *London*, and
 so to make Returns Home again for *Philadel^{phia}*, I
 embraced it ; tho' with Reluctance, to leave my very
 loving Wife, Children and Friends, all whom I
 tenderly loved and respected. I also had in my Eye
 an Hope, thro' the Blessing of God, to obtain where-
 with to accommodate my Friends, who were Stran-
 gers and Pilgrims in this World for Jesus Sake, as I
 also had been myself ; and that they might find a
 Place or Home, and Refreshment under my Roof ;
 not to Excess, but to Comfort and Edification ;
 which in Sincerity, is all the Grandeur I covet or de-
 sire in this World : So after due Consideration, on
 the second Day of the Eleventh Month 1718, we set
 Sail from *Philadel^{phia}*, many Friends taking their
 Leaves and Farewel of us for that Voyage. Thus
 with Hearts full of Love and Good-will, we parted
 with our Friends, and went down the River about five
 Miles, where we run aground, but got off next Tide,
 and next Day came to an Anchor at *Chester*. On the
 4th Day of the Month we set Sail, and got to *New-*
castle about the eleventh Hour ; it being Meeting-
 Day, we went to Meeting, where our great Lord
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1788. was pleased in some good Measure to own us with his living Presence, and comfort us with his Love; blessed be his holy Name! In the Morning we sailed to *Reedy-Island*, where we stay'd for the Tide, and in the Night our Cable parted, which we knew not of till the Morning, and then we had gone from the Place where we anchored, about a League: But tho' the Vessel drove about the River, yet she did not go on Ground. We dropp'd our other Anchor, and sent the Boat to seek for that which was parted from us, but could not find it until the next Tide, and then could not get it up, and were unwilling to go to Sea without it; which occasioned us to stay several Tides before we could get it: At last with much Difficulty we weigh'd it, our Men's Clothes being much frozen; for it was very cold, and froze extreemly hard. After this we went down to *Bombay-Hook*, where was also another Vessel going out to Sea. Next Day the Wind was against us, and it snowed much, and froze hard; and that Night the River and Bay was filled with Ice as far as we could see, and it drove very hard against our Vessel, so that we wished for Day; for we thought sometimes it would have torn our Bows in Pieces; but our Anchor and Cable held us, we thought, to a Miracle (for which we were thankful to the great Keeper of all those who put their Trust in him.) When the Tide turned for us we got up the Anchor, and so let her drive with the Ice down the Bay: The other Vessel did the same. It was now dangerous moving, go which Way we would. The Vessel in Company with us attempted to go back again, but seeing that we did not, as we suppos'd, came to Anchor again, and we both went down the Bay together; and the Wind springing up fair, we got clear of the Ice in a few Hours Time; but by this Hindrance we could not get to Sea that Day, but were obliged to come to Anchor near the Middle of the great Bay of *Delaware*, and the Night being fair and calm, we rode it out safely,

safely, which if it had been windy Weather, would have been dangerous. Early in the Morning (of the 9th Day of the Month) we got to Sea, and soon left Sight of the Land. Next Day the Wind was high, and the Weather proved stormy for several Days, inso-much that our Main-deck was under Water most of the Time, so that we were forced to go before it for several Days together. We also shut up our Cabbin Windows, and were tossed exceedingly, and I was very Sea-sick; and we began in this Storm to fear falling on the Rocks of *Bermudas*, which we were near, as we imagined, and the Wind set right on the Island. But when we had passed the Latitude of *Bermudas*, we met with fair Weather and Winds (all the remaining Part of our Passage being pleasant and comfortable) by which I was led to consider the Vicissitude which Mortals may expect while on this unstable terraqueous Globe, which is full of Changes; and I strongly desired to be rightly prepared for that World which is eternal, and its Joy and Felicity permanent; at which blessed Port, I hope in God's Time, thro' his Grace, safely to arrive. Thus thro' Storms, Tempests, Ice, and Snow, we left those frozen Climes, and crossed the Tropick of *Cancer* (between which, and that of *Capricorn*, there is neither Frost nor Snow at Sea, at any Time of the Year) and the Wind always within a small Matter one Way, viz. Easterly (except in Hurricanes and violent Storms, which sometimes they have in those Parts of the World.) We arrived at *Bridge-Town*, in *Barbadoes*, in one-and-twenty Days, which was the quickest Passage that ever I had, this being the fourth Time of my coming hither, where I was always kindly received by my Friends.

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At Sea.

Barbadoes.

About this Time War was declared against *Spain* by the King of *Great-Britain*, by Proclamation, in *Bridge-town*, which put such a Damp on Trade, that there was little Business, and the Markets low and dull, which made my Stay longer than I would have chose;

1719. chose; but my Friends, among whom I had many Opportunities, seem'd rather pleas'd than otherwise; telling me, *That they did not care if I was to stay there always, if it were my Place:* And when I left *Barbadoes*, Friends gave me better Credentials than I thought I deserved—— A Friend of mine giving me Intelligence that the Market was better at *Antigua* than at *Barbadoes*, I dispatch'd my Affairs, and took Part of our Cargoe there, and was kindly received by our Friends. We were about three Days in our Passage, and had fine Weather therein. At *Antigua* I had divers Meetings, my Business at no Time hindered me in my more weighty Service; for I always, through divine Help, made that give Way to my religious Duty, in which I ever found Peace and inward Satisfaction. In about five Weeks I finished my Business in this Island, having no small Satisfaction in coming to it; and our Vessel being now loaden, we took our solemn Leave, and with the good Wishes of many, departed for *England*.

Antigua.

Our Friends there signified to their Brethren, that they were glad of my Company, and that I was serviceable to them, tho' I came upon Business. My Hand, when need required, was to my Business, but my Heart was, and I hope is, and ever shall be, freely given up to serve the Lord, in that Work whereunto I believe he has called me. We have Liberty from God, and his dear Son, lawfully, and for Accommodation's Sake, to Work or seek for Food or Raiment; tho' that ought to be a Work of Indifferency, compar'd to the great Work of Salvation. Our Saviour saith, *Labour not for the Meat which perisheth, but for that which endureth for ever, or to eternal Life:* By which we do not understand, that Christians must neglect their necessary Occasions and their outward Trades and Callings; but that their chief Labour, and greatest Concern ought to be for their future Well-being in his glorious Kingdom;

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else why did our Lord say to his Disciples, *Children, have you any Meat?* They answered, *No*; and he bid them *cast their Nets into the Sea, and they drew to Land a Net full of great Fishes*; and Fishing being their Trade, no doubt but they sold them, for it was not likely they could eat 'em all themselves. Also the Apostle of Christ says, *He that doth not take care of his Family, is worse than an Infidel*: And the Apostle Paul (the great Apostle of the Gentiles) wrought with his Hands, even while he was in his Travels, and in the Work of the Gospel; and others tasted of the Benefit of his Labour naturally, as well as spiritually. It is also written, *That he that will not work, shall not eat*. By this, and much more, which might be noted, it appears that we not only have liberty to labour in Moderation, but we are given to understand, that it is our Duty so to do. The Farmer, the Tradesman, and the Merchant, do not understand by our Lord's Doctrine, that they must neglect their Calling, or grow idle in their Business, but must certainly work, and be industrious in their Callings. We all ought to understand, that our Hearts and Minds ought to be out of the World, or above the Nature and Spirit of it. 'Tis good and profitable for both Soul and Body, rightly to distinguish between earthly and heavenly Things, and to be careful how they mix the one with the other; for it is an eternal Truth, that God and Mammon cannot dwell together, or join together in the Heart. If our Love is more to God than the Creature, or to Heaven than Earth, then will he dwell in us and with us: But if our Love is more to the Creature than to Christ, or to Earth than Heaven, then will he not dwell with us, but will leave us to ourselves; for the Lord Omnipotent will not admit of any Rival.

On the 11th of the Fourth Month 1719, we left *Antigua*, stood close to the Wind till we again crossed the *Tropick*, and got into those Latitudes where the

Winds

1719. Winds are variable. Sailing in the great Deeps we saw the Wonders of the Lord, particularly in divers Kinds of Fish, they living upon one another in the Sea, the great Fishes on the small Ones; and Mankind too much resembles them in that Respect. About the Latitude of 33 North, our Master, *Warner Holt*, seeing a School of Porpoises about the Ship, tho' he was not very well, and had not been for most of the Voyage, he took his Harpin-Iron, and struck one of them, and we took him into the Vessel, out of which we got eleven Quart Bottles of Oyl; and we most of us eat heartily of this Fish, which agreed with our People very well. They fry'd his Liver for our Mess, of which I eat a large Meal, which was well-tasted, and eat more like fresh Beef than Fish. I make this Memorandum of it, that if any should take them when their Provisions are scarce, they may eat freely without Danger, according to our Experience. When we had been at Sea about three Weeks, being near the Latitude of 40 North, and about the Longitude of 42, tho' it was in the midst of Summer, we saw an Island of Ice, at which we all marvelled, and judged that there had been a severe cold Winter in those Latitudes on the Land of *America*. When we saw this Island of Ice we judged ourselves not far from the Banks of *Newfoundland*. Hitherto we had easy Gales of Wind, and many Calms, which made our Passage seem long to us. We saw two Sail of Ships about those Latitudes, but spoke with neither, being willing to shun them as it was War-time.

We had in this Voyage Weekly Meetings for worshipping the Almighty, in which the great Lord both of Sea and Land, was pleased greatly to manifest his Name and Truth amongst us, for which my Soul often secretly and openly blessed and praised his divine and glorious Name and Truth; for he bore up my drooping Spirit, so that I could truly say with the Royal Psalmist (not because he spoke it only, but also being

being an experimental Witness thereof) *The Floods have* 1719.
lifted up, O Lord, the Floods have lifted up their Voice:
The Floods lift up their Waves. The Lord on High is
mightier than the Noise of many Waters, yea, than the
mighty Waves of the Sea, Psalm xciii. 3, 4. This the
 King wrote of his own Experience in a spiritual Sense;
 but I may say without boasting, I have witnessed the
 Rage and Noise of mighty Waves and Waters, both
 natural and spiritual; the one, as tho' it would swal-
 low up my Reputation among Men, and the other,
 as tho' it would swallow up my Person, in this my
 watery Peregrination: *But blessed be the Name of him*
that is holy and eternal, who indeed is stronger than the
Noise of many Waters, or than the mighty Waves of the
Sea, either inwardly or outwardly, I will through his
Strength, magnify his Name, because he is worthy: And
may I do it for ever!

About the 11th Day of the Fifth Month, we saw
 great Flocks of Birds, which we judged came from
 the *Azores*, or *Western Islands*, near which we rec-
 koned ourselves to be. The 21st Day we saw, and
 came up with a *French Ship*, which had been fishing
 on the Banks of *Newfoundland*, and was bound for
Havre de Grace, in *France*, the Master of which came
 on board us, and our Captain went on board them.
 We exchanged some Rums and Sugars (of our Sea-
 Stores) for their *French Wine* and *Cyder*, and some of
 our Provisions for some of their Fish. The Captain
 was a *Protestant*, and very courteous to us: The Re-
 gent of *France* at this Time being kind to the *Prote-*
stants, so that they increas'd much in that Kingdom.
 The *Frenchman* seeming desirous to know what Reli-
 gion I was of, I told him, by an Interpreter, that I
 was one called a *Quaker*, or *Trembler*, and that our
 Principle was to do Good to all Men, and not to hurt
 any Man, according to Christ's Doctrine, *Not to ren-*
der Evil for Evil, but to overcome Evil with Good.
 When they went away and took Leave of us, they
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1719. desired me to pray for them, the which I remembered with Tenderness of Spirit, and having but little Wind, we kept Company for several Days; but the Wind springing fair, we wished them well, and went on our Way, our Vessel outfailing most we met with; and a few Days after we met with a *New-England Ship*, who came out six Days before us from *Antigua*. We were then in the Latitude of about 50 North, and $29 \frac{1}{2}$ Degrees of Longitude from the *Lands-End* of *Great-Britain*. The 30th Day of the Fifth Month, we founded, and found Ground at 28 Fathom, and on the 1st of the Sixth Month, we saw the *Lands-End* of *England*, all our Company being in Health, and well; for which my Heart was truly thankful, to that great and infinite Being, whose Providence is over us poor Mortals in all Parts of the World, and who reigns over Sea and Land, and is worthy of Adoration, Worship, Service, and living Praise for ever!

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In a few Days we came into the *Engl^{ish} Channel*, and going up the Channel there came one of the King's Yachts, and they pressed most of our Men; the best Hands we had they took from us, and carried them on board a Man of War, after which we came to Anchor at *Folkstone*, where I left the Vessel, and got a Horse to *Dover*, and from *Dover* took Coach to *London*. In the Coach were divers Persons who began to talk about the *Quakers*, and spoke against their plain Way of Living and Cloathing, and said, *That they did not understand their unfashionable Way of Conversation; neither was it the Way to gain Profelytes*. Upon which I asked them, *Whether they understood Paul, the great Apostle of the Gentiles? who said, Be ye not conformable to the World (i. e. the Fashions of it) for this great Reason, The World, and the Fashions thereof, passeth away; which is a great Truth, and it is plainly seen how fickle and changeable the World is in its vain Fashions and Customs, which, to follow, in all its foolish*

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Cuts and Turns, or Changes, must, of Consequence, make a Man or Woman very foppish and apish. I told them, *That our Religion was agreeable to the holy Scriptures, which, if they did not understand, neither could they understand us; for the Doctrine of Christ and his Apostles, was generally therein very plain; and the Doctrine in Christ's excellent Sermon on the Mount, is clear and plain to very low or mean Capacities:* So they discoursed no more of Religion till we came to *London*, where once more I met with my loving and aged Father, a Man fearing God, and having a Gift of the Ministry of the Gospel of Christ, and well-beloved of his Friends and Neighbours, who, with others of my near and dear Relations and Friends, received me gladly.

After some Months Stay among my Relations and Friends in *London*, we sold our Vessel the *Snow Hope*, and bought another Ship which we called the *Trine-Hope* (*Warner Holt* Master) and when I had done my Business I sailed in the same Ship for *Pensylvania*. We had Meetings on board the Vessel twice a Week, in which the Almighty was pleased to favour us with his good Presence. Sobriety, and the Fear of God, and Faith in his beloved Son Christ, was often recommended to the Youth then on board the Vessel with us, of whom there were divers, who transported themselves to *America*, in order to settle there. At one Meeting on board I was tenderly concerned to remind them of *Jacob*, who in his Youth, left his Country and Relations, to sojourn in a strange Land, and how in that Undertaking, he sought the Lord, and his Blessing, more than any outward Thing; and that he was greatly blessed with many Favours from Heaven above, and also from the Earth beneath, and they were advised to take him for their Example: And many other Things were tenderly opened to them in the Love of God, and in his Fear and Counsel they were exhorted from Time to Time.

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It being Winter-Time we sailed to the Southward, and got into warm Weather, and were on our Passage seven Weeks and some odd Days from Land to Land, in which Time we saw several Vessels, and spoke with one, whose People said, they were chased by a *Turk*, but got from him, at which they greatly rejoiced. We apprehended it was our Ship that they saw over Night, for we saw a Sail that crowded from us as fast as she could, and it being near Night, we shorten'd Sail, and so she left us; but in the Morning came up with her, and being pretty near, both they and we put out our Colours, and being both *Englishmen*, we spoke to each other, and were glad to meet with some of our own Nation upon the great Ocean; but our Vessel sailing best, we took our Leave of them, wishing them a good Voyage. We met with rough Seas and high Winds in the latter Part of our Passage, till we came to the Capes of *Delaware*, which we all rejoiced to see, and we had a pleasant Passage up the Bay and River to *Philadelphia*, where I had once more a comfortable Meeting with my dear Wife and Family, which I gratefully acknowledged as a high Favour from the Hand of the Almighty.

1720:

*Philadel-
phia.*

We arrived at *Philadelphia* the 1st of the Second Month 1720; after which, I stay'd at, and about Home, for some Time (and I was not idle, but kept to my Business, and to Meetings) and having a Desire to see my Friends in the Province of *Maryland*, at their General Meeting at *West-River*, I was accompanied by *Isaac Norris* and *Thomas Masters* (both sober young Men.) It had been a Time of pretty much Rain, and the Waters thereby being out and high, going over a Ford of *Brandywine*, my Mare got among the Rocks (it being a very rocky Creek) she fell down, and the Stream being very strong, she rowled upon me, and being intangled with the Stirrup, I could not easily clear myself, but I gave a spring from her, and swam to clear myself from her; and

and when I was clear, I got to her again, and lay'd hold of her Mane, and through the good Providence of God, got well out with the Mare on dry Land, which was a remarkable Deliverance. In three Days we got to *West River*, to the Yearly-meeting, which was large, and Friends were glad to see me, I having not been there for several Years. I was out on this Journey about two Weeks, and rode about 300 Miles; and after my coming Home, I travelled pretty much in and about the Provinces of *Pensylvania* and *New-Jersey*. 1720.

In the Year 1721, *Thomas Lightfoot* and I, with *William Browne*, went to a Meeting at *Bush-River*, and going over *Susquebannab-Ferry*, the People were fiddling and dancing. When their Dance was over, I asked them (believing them to be *Protestants*) *If they thought Luther to be a good Man?* They replied, *Yes, there was no doubt of it. Well, said I, and so do I; and I will tell you what he says concerning Dancing,* "That as many Paces as the Man takes in his Dance, so many Steps he takes towards Hell;" which spoil'd their Sport, and they went away, and we went on ours towards the Meeting; and a good Meeting it was! and we after it returned by Way of *Nottingham*, and had a Meeting there, and one at *New-Garden*, and so on to *Philadelphia*. I was from Home about a Week, and travelled in this Journey about 150 Miles, and was well satisfied therein. 1721.

In the Years 1721 and 1722, I went several Journeys, and had many large Meetings, travelling many Hundreds of Miles, of which I neglected to keep a particular Account, hardly thinking what I did worth recording; but divers of my Friends in many Parts of the World, put me upon something of this Nature, to which, at length, I gave up, and found some Benefit and Satisfaction therein, in looking back and considering the Dealings of God with me in my Youth and upwards.

1721.

Shrewsbury.

From *Philadelphia* I went to the General Meeting at *Shrewsbury*, in *East-Jersey*, where I heard of J. G's being wounded by a young Man, with a Sword, of which he died, lamenting that he did not take the Counsel of his Friends ; as young Men, who slight the Counsel of those that wish them well, commonly do, either sooner or later, if the Day of their Visitation be not over. Some few Days after this Meeting at *Shrewsbury*, I visited Friends on *Long-Island*, and returned Home again, having travelled about 300 Miles. In my Stay at, and about Home, I wrote something concerning *Perfection*, in Answer to a nameless Author ; as also something concerning *Predestination*, or *Election* and *Reprobation*.

Pennsylvania.

In the Year 1722, I went back in the Woods to *Buckingham*, the *Great Swamp*, *Perkiomy*, *Manabatawny*, and *Oley*, where I had Meetings, travelling over great Mountains, from which we could see many Miles. I travelled in this Journey about 150 Miles, and returned Home in about two Weeks ; and after staying some Time at Home, and visiting neighbouring Meetings, I went to the Yearly Meeting of Friends on *Long-Island*, which Meeting was very large, many People (not of our Persuasion being there) and were very sober. Many Things were opened in the Love of Christ, and his great Love was declared to that great Congregation. The Parable concerning the *Prodigal Son*, came before me to speak of to the People in a very moving Manner, and strongly to invite the Youth to lay hold of the Love of the Father in his Son, to poor Souls : And indeed it is a wonderful Parable, setting forth the infinite Love of the great Lord of all to his poor Creatures. Many were affected and reached to at this Meeting, and the Almighty was praised and glorified, who alone is worthy.

From thence I went and had a Meeting at *New-York*, and then set forward to *Woodbridge*, where we had a comfortable Meeting ; *Naaman*, the *Assyrian*, being

being much the Subject of that Day's Work : And that one Thing loved and esteemed more than Christ, what ever it be, is to be avoided, and the People warned to be careful to keep close to the God of *Israel* (spiritual *Israel*) and to give up all which is contrary to his Nature, and to take up Christ's Cross, and follow him : For it is those who follow him in the Regeneration, that are to be Heirs of his Kingdom. 1722.

In this Year also I was at the Burial of our Friend *Jonatban Dickinson*, at which we had a very large Meeting, he was a Man generally well-beloved by his Friends and Neighbours. In this Meeting a Passage (he had often told me in his Health) was brought to my Remembrance, I think worthy to be recorded to the End of Time, which is as follows : “ It happened at *Port-Royal*, in *Jamaica*, that two young Men were at Dinner with *Jonatban*, and divers other People of Account in the World, and they were speaking about Earthquakes (there having been one in that Place formerly, which was very dreadful, having destroyed many Houses and Families.) These two young Men argued that Earthquakes, and all other Things came by Nature, and denied a supernatural Power, or Deity ; insomuch that divers, surprized at such wicked Discourse, and being ashamed of their Company, left it ; and at the same Time the Earth shook, and trembled exceedingly, as though astonished at such Treason against its Sovereign and Creator, whose Footstool it is : And when the Earth thus moved, the Company which remained were so astonished, that some run one Way, and some another, but these two atheistical young Men stay'd in the Room, and *Jonatban* with them, he believing that the Providence of Almighty God could preserve him there if he pleased, and if not, that it was in vain to fly ; but the Hand of God smote these two young Men, so that they fell down ; and, as

1723. "Jonathab told me, he lay'd one on a Bed, and the
 "other on a Couch, and they never spoke more,
 "but died soon after." This was the amazing End
 of these young Men: A dreadful Example to all
 Atheists, and dissolute and wicked Livers. *Ob! That
 young People might be warned, that the Hand of God might
 be upon them for Good, and that they would tenderly be
 concerned for their Salvation.*

On the 30th of the Fourth Month 1723, my tenth
 Child, named *Thomas*, died about Midnight (having
 before buried nine.) It was some Exercise to me thus
 to bury my Children one after another; but this did
 a little mitigate my Sorrow, that I knew, that could
 I have all Things relating to them according to my
 Desire; could I see them grow up to be sober Men
 and Women, well married, have a Competency in
 the World, &c. yet it was safer and better for them,
 and they more out of Danger, being taken away in
 their Infancy and Innocency; and I fervently begged
 of the Almighty, that he would be pleased to take
 them away while innocent, rather than that they should
 live to be vicious or unrighteous Men and Women,
 and to bring Scandal on the holy Name of Christ, and
 upon our Christian Profession; which Consideration
 did mightily tend to settle and quiet my Mind in my
 sorrowful Exercise. *The Great Lord of all sanctify the
 Sorrows and Afflictions of his People and Children, and
 grant them the Fulfilling of that blessed Portion of holy
 Scripture, That all Things shall work together for the
 Good of them that love and fear God: Even so be it,
 saith my Soul!*

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In the Sixth Month of this Year I removed from
 the City into the Country, to a small Plantation I had
 at *Frankfort*, in order to be more retired, and for
 Health's Sake, &c. finding some declining in my bo-
 dily Strength, which I take to be very much owing to
 the severe Colds and Hardships I have sustained in my
 long and hard Travels, more especially in the Wilder-
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ness of *America*; for without Vanity I may say, that I always lov'd Temperance, and have been sometimes zealously concerned to preach against Intemperance; and tho' I cannot now take so long Journeys as I have formerly, my Spirit earnestly travels for the Welfare of *Sion*, and the Peace and Prosperity of all those who love, fear, and serve God, and believe in his Son.

On the Sixth Day of the Eighth Month, it pleased God to give me another Son, whom I named *George*, after my Father, Brother, Nephew, and King; and though this Name is now a great Name among Men, I consider'd that no Name can preserve Life, so I gave him up to the Will of him who gave him to me, and desire, if I have no Name thro' Children to Posterity, I may have a Name in the Lamb's Book of Life, which I have ever esteem'd far above a Name amongst Men.

After my Removal to this Place I was not idle, but visited neighbouring Meetings, and in the Eighth Month I went to *Shrewsbury* General-meeting, where there were many Hundreds of People, and the Truth declared had good Impression upon the Minds of many; some after Meeting, who were not of our Society, acknowledged to the Truth, and that they were glad they were there. In this Meeting I was concerned for the Welfare of Mankind, and the Exaltation of the holy Name of the Almighty, to declare the universal Love of God to Man, from several Texts of holy Scripture, as that Passage concerning *Jacob* and *Esau*, and *Peter* and *Cornelius*, and something concerning the Objection made against us, the People called *Quakers*, that we do not acknowledge the holy Scriptures to be *the Word of God*; for tho' we believe that the Scriptures came by divine Inspiration, yet we are clearly convinc'd by their Testimony, and by the Spirit of Truth in our Hearts, that Christ is *the eternal Word of God*, by whom all Things were made and created, and do still exist.

1723.
Croswicks.

From *Shrewsbury*, with divers other Friends, I rode to *Croswicks*, where on the Fifth Day, we had a very comfortable Meeting, in which the ancient Love and Goodness of our heavenly Father was with us, to the tendering our Hearts into Tears of Joy ; some of us being likewise affected, in Remembrance of the Goodness of the Almighty to us, in the Meeting we had in this Place under the Trees about twenty-five Years since. The great Subject of Faith and Works was spoken to ; as that the *Romans* seem'd to lay too much Stress on Works, and the *Lutherans, Calvinists*, and others, too little : But our Principle led us to join both together ; the Almighty having joined them together, none ought to separate them. This Subject of Faith and Works having been much in Debate amongst professed Christians, it is on my Mind here to mention a few Things deduced from the best Authority :

The First is, *Without Faith, it is impossible to please God*, Heb. xi. 6.

Second, *Faith is the Gift of God*.

Third, *Faith works by Love*.

Fourth, *Faith is the Evidence of Things not seen, and the Substance of Things hoped for*.

Fifth, *Faith without Works is dead*.

Sixth, *The Just live by Faith*.

Seventh, *You believe (or have Faith) in God, believe also in me*, John xiv. 1.

And the Author to the *Hebrews* speaks excellently concerning the Power of Faith, and the mighty Wonders wrought by it. Note, this living, saving, true and divine Faith, must be in the Heart, through, and in Christ Jesus the Son of the living God, who is, and always will be, the Author and Finisher of it in every true Believer.

After I came from *Shrewsbury*, I visited divers neighbouring Meetings, and some in *Chester County*, where I had Meetings for nine Days successively, some

of which were very large (particularly at *Providence* 1723. and *Goshen*) in which I was opened to exhort them to keep to that plain, honest Way of Life and Conversation, which our Fathers and Elders were found in, and to remind them of the Sufferings they endur'd for their Testimony to the blessed Truth, in the first breaking forth thereof in the last Age; and I was concerned to show them that the Almighty, who had blessed us with plenty of temporal Blessings, would continue the same to us, if we were careful to live in his Fear; but that otherwise, we might expect his Judgments for Disobedience.

And after my Return I continued about Home for some Time, it being Winter Season, and bad Travelling, and I not so capable of travelling as formerly: But I had great Peace and Tranquility of Mind, in that I had freely given up my youthful Days to serve my Creator, and the same Love and Zeal was yet fresh and warm in my Heart, for the Glory of his great Name; and I still have a full Resolution, through his Strength and Grace, to serve him, the great Lord of all, all my Days, according to the Light and Strength given to me.

Our Yearly-meeting at *Philadelphia* this Year was large, in which our Friend *Benjamin Kid*, from *England*, being with us, had good Service. I cannot forget a Concern which was upon me at this Meeting, that the universal Love of God, through Christ, might prevail amongst Mankind, and to press Friends to manifest to all People the Influence thereof, by their exemplary Lives and Conversations.

In the Second Month 1724, I went into *New-Jersey* as far as *Shrewsbury*, where, on a First-Day, we had a large Meeting, to general Satisfaction; and the next Day we had another, wherein the Love and Goodwill of God, through Christ, was opened freely to the People, and our Duty to forgive one another was largely treated of; and it was plainly shewn, that with-
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1724. out forgiving others, we could not be forgiven of God, as Christ saith, *If ye forgive Men their Trespases, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not Men their Trespases, neither will your heavenly Father forgive your Trespases*, Matth. iv. 14, 15, &c. and much more to the same Effect on that Subject; as also Christ's Answer to Peter, who asked, *How oft a Man should forgive his Brother if he trespassed against him?* Peter says, *till seven Times?* Our Lord Jesus answers, *I say not unto thee, until seven Times, but until seventy Times seven*, Matth. xviii. 22. And again Christ says, *If thy Brother trespass against thee seven Times in a Day, and seven Times in a Day turn again unto thee, saying, I repent, thou shalt forgive him*, Luke xvii. 4. Which hard-hearted People think a great Hardship, but Christ's Cross must be taken up, and born daily, if we will be his Disciples and Followers in Deed, and in Truth, as well as in Profession.

After we had reconciled some Differences at *Shrewsbury*, we went to a Place called *Menesquan*, and had a good, open Meeting, and most of the People of that Place were there. It was a good Time, and I hope the Opportunity will not soon be forgotten by divers that were there. From this Place we travelled to *Croswicks*, and had a good Meeting. After Meeting, a Friend told me that some would say, *I spoke by Information, because I had opened some Matters which were exactly to the State and Condition of some there*. But I knew nothing of their State and Condition, otherwise than as it was then immediately opened in my Mind; neither had I been told any Thing concerning them directly or indirectly: And from thence we travelled to *Burlington*, where the Monthly-meeting of our Friends had desired, that I would be assistant to help to end a Difference which had happened through Mistake, and continued for seven Years (since the first Occasion was given) and thro' divine Assistance, our
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Hearts being filled with the Love of Christ, we so prevailed upon the differing Persons, that they gave each other Satisfaction, with Hopes that they should live in Love for the future ; and Friends of the Place greatly rejoiced at the End of that Difference. As I went along this Town, some Friends told me of a religious People some few Miles distant, whom they desired I would have a Meeting with. I desired them to see if it would be granted, and let me know ; which was done, and we had a Meeting, and were kindly received, and the divine Nature of the Gospel of Christ was freely opened to them, and in great Love we parted from one another. I travelled in this Journey about two Hundred Miles ; and when I came Home, my dear Wife and Family gladly received me with Hearts full of Love : And this Testimony I think proper, for several solid Reasons, to leave behind me of my virtuous and loving Wife, That since we were married, she never hindered me in that Service my great Master called me unto, in all the Time of our living together : We always parted, for the Sake of the Gospel of Christ, in pure Love, and in the same Love we always met again.

Soon after this Time I met with several great Losses by Sea and Land, and myself and my little Daughter were dangerously sick, so that our Recovery seem'd doubtful ; yet through the Mercy of God, we both recovered, for which I praise his Name.

After some Stay at Home, I was again moved in the Love of Christ, to visit the General-meetings of *Duck-Creek* and *Salem*. At *Duck-Creek* we had a large and satisfactory Meeting. From *Duck-Creek* I appointed a Meeting at *George's Creek*, which was a good Meeting. The next Morning we went over to *Elfinburgh*, and so on to *Cobansie*, where I met with two of my Fellow-labourers in the Work of Christ, *Thomas Lightfoot* and *Benjamin Kid*. We had a Meeting together at *Cobansie*, in which the People were exhorted

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Cobansie.

1724. to Sobriety and just Dealing. The contrary of both is too obvious at such Times as Fairs ; there being divers of the Fair People there as well as others, the Nature of Christ's Work in the Heart, was somewhat spoke to, but not so open a Meeting as some others, the People thereaway being too slack and dull as to Religion. Next Day we had a Meeting at *Alloways-Creek*, where we all three had some pretty close Work ; and from thence we went to the General-meeting at *Salem*, which was larger than common, on account of the said Friend (*Benjamin Kid's*) being there ; who, in the Love of Christ came from *England*, to visit the Churches in this Part of the World. There were so many Friends and others here at this Time, that some Houses were so filled, that there was not Room for all that came to lodge there. After this Meeting I return'd Home, and in a few Days went into *Chester-County*, and travelled above 100 Miles ; and when I came Home I understood, that some for Want of a true Sense of the Work of Christ, had been censuring me for my Travelling and hard Labour in the Work of the Ministry of the Gospel of Christ ; though, by the same Rule of judging, the Apostles of Christ, and our ancient Friends, who travelled much, cannot escape their Censure ; for in all my Travels, I have had an especial Regard to the Unity of the Brethren, and never knowingly went abroad without it : *But let this Caution be recorded for the Instruction of all such forward Judges ; let them be careful of judging Christ's Servants, lest their Words become their Burden : Judge not, that ye be not judged (saith our great Lord) for with what Judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged.*

Soon after my Return from *Chester-County*, I was at a Marriage at *Abington*, which was one of the most solemn I have been at ; and on the 15th of the Third Month, at the Youth's Meeting at *German-town*, to my great Satisfaction ; and on the 23d of the same Month, I went to the General-meeting of Ministers and

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and Elders at *Burlington*; at which Meeting, several Things relating to the Gospel-ministry were declared; as its being a free, a clear, and a powerful Ministry, reaching to the Conscience, and convincing of the Danger of continuing in Sin: And divine Charity was much recommended, without which, *All Ministry is but as sounding Brass, &c.* From this Meeting I went with *Walter Herbert*, into *Rucks-County*, and at *Neshaminy* we had an open, tender Meeting. From thence I went to *Buckingham*, and was at a Marriage of a Son and Daughter in-law of *Thomas Canby's*. The Meeting was large, and Friends well satisfied; and it was observable, tho' I was very hoarse, thro' a Cold I had taken, and could hardly speak in common Conversation, yet it was much taken away in my Ministry, so that I was carried thro' the Service to our Admiration, for which I was truly thankful. After this Meeting I returned Home with true Satisfaction, such as is much more valuable than Silver and Gold, two mighty Idols in the World.

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After a little Stay at Home I went on a First Day to *North-Wales* or *Gwinneed*, where was a pretty large Meeting, many young People being there, to whom I was concern'd to shew, that Christ is the Way by which we must come into the true Church, thro' Regeneration, and that all who invent other Ways are Thieves and Robbers. I rode twenty-five Miles that Day, and the next Day came to *Frankfort*, and was at the Burial of an antient Friend, *Joan Orpwood*, at which our Friend *John Salkeld* was, with whom I was the next Day at *Philadelphia*, at our Third Day Meeting, which was a good Meeting.

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North-Wales.

On the 4th Day of the Fourth Month, intending soon to take a Journey to *Long-Island*, I thought it a proper Time to alter my Will, as I had kept one by me for divers Years before, considering the Uncertainty of Life. On the 5th of the Fourth Month I went to *Merion* to visit an antient Friend, *John Roberts*, who

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1724. who was sick near unto Death, where I again met with *John Salkeld*. The Friend expressed his Satisfaction in this Visit, and we had a Reward of Peace in the Exercise of that Christian Duty of Visiting the Sick, which is recommended by the Apostle to the primitive Churches of Christ. After we had been some Time with our said sick Friend, we went to the Meeting which had been appointed for us several Days before, and was large and satisfactory; for which favourable Visitation we blessed the great Name of the Almighty, and parted tenderly in Christian Love and Good-will. The Friend we went to visit died the next Day. He was a Helper of the Poor, and a Maker of Peace in the Neighbourhood: Of such, Christ said, *Blessed are the Peace-makers, for they shall be called the Children of God.*

On the 10th of the Fourth Month 1724, I had a Concern to write the following Epistle to Friends in the Island of *Barbadoes*.

Frankfort, the 10th of the 4th Month, 1724.

Dear Friends,

An Epistle
to Friends
in Barba-
does.

IN the tender Love of God, our heavenly Father, and of our Saviour Jesus Christ, do I, your Brother, at this Time greet you, and wish you Health and Salvation. Understanding by a concerned Friend, that of late several of our Friends are taken away from you by Death, a Concern came on my Mind to put you in Remembrance of your latter End, and of the Cause of Christ; and also, of the Prosperity of his blessed Light and Truth in your (in that Respect, poor, tho' in some others, rich and luxurious) Island: The Posterity of many that have been taken away there, as well as in divers other Places, having gone astray; and that it may not be so with those who are left behind, let a weighty Concern come upon you. O dear Friends! let your Practices

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Practices and Expressions, manifest to the rising Generation, that the Welfare of their Souls, more than of their Bodies, is at Heart with you; and do not indulge them in that which you in yourselves were convinc'd to be of an evil Tendency, when your Hearts were first reached by the Power of Truth. How many Youths have been lost, thro' the Looseness of the Example of their Elders, and thro' an undue Indulgence of them in Vanity, Folly, Pride, and Idleness! Woful Experience doth but too much declare that they are many: O they are many indeed, who have been lost by so doing! Wherefore dear Friends, clear yourselves of your Children; and, if they will obstinately go astray, faithfully bear your Testimony against them, in Life, Doctrine, or Expressions and Conversation, which will witness for you when you are dead and gone, and your Heads laid in the silent Grave. Thus will your Youth, thro' the Blessing of God, and your Endeavours, come up in your Places, or at least you will be clear, and their Blood will be upon their own Heads. A pure strict Watch is required of you in Conversation, in all those Relations: *First*, That God may be glorify'd. *Secondly*, That your Children may be exampled. *Thirdly*, That your Neighbours may be edify'd, or built up in pure Religion: And *Fourthly*, That you may die in Peace with him that created you, and died for you; remembering the blessed Doctrine of Christ Jesus, *Let your Light so shine before Men, that others seeing your good Works, may glorify your Father which is in Heaven.* And again, *You are as a City set on a Hill, which cannot be hid.* And as you thus train up your Children in the Way which they should go, when they are young, you may have Reason to hope they will not depart from it when they are old; for many have been convinced of the Truth, as it is in Jesus Christ, thro' the good Conversation of his Followers.

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Followers. And how can we expect to die well, if we do not live well? Or can we expect the Answer of *Well done*, if we are not in the Practice of doing well? And I do desire and earnestly exhort Friends to read the holy Scriptures, and wait to feel the Power from which they sprung, thro' the holy Writers, and also to teach them to their Children. And, dear Friends, let me prevail with you in the Love of God and his dear Son, to keep close to your Meetings for the Worship of Almighty God, and for the well-ordering of your Society; and do it in the meek Spirit, for that is of great Price with the Lord; and when in your Meetings, get into a religious Exercise, and lively Concern for God's Glory, and your Souls Peace and Prosperity. I pray the holy Lord of Sabbaoh, to open your Hearts to him in the Reading of this Epistle, as mine is open to you, my beloved Friends, that you and I may be edified (tho' outwardly separated) as we were when together; and if we should never meet more in this World, that we may meet in the Kingdom of God, where we may never part more. *Amen. Hallelujah*, saith my Soul.

I desire this may be copied and read at the Close of one of each of your particular Meetings, and, if it could be readily, in every Family of Friends; to all whom is my very dear Love in Jesus Christ, whose Servant I am, and hope to be to the End, and I am an entire Lover of Souls, and a Well-wisher of *Sion's* Prosperity.

T. CHALKLEY.

On the 11th of the Fourth Month I left Home on a Journey to *Long-Island*, in order to visit Friends Meetings, and also to negotiate some Business I had there; the first Meeting I had was at *Burlington*, where I had occasion to advise them to keep in Remembrance

of that ancient Love which first united our Society 1724. together, and in which, in Times of cruel Persecution, some freely offered to suffer the Imprisonment of their Bodies to obtain the Liberty of their Friends in Confinement. From thence we travelled to *Amboy*, *Amboy*, and so over to *Staten-Island*. The Day being very hot, and the Evening cold, I got a severe Cold, which I did not get clear of for about two Weeks, notwithstanding which, I went to Meetings, though ill in Body. The first Meeting I had on *Long-Island*, was at *Flushing*, on a First-day : A comfortable *Flushing*. Meeting it was ! in which was closely pressed, the Taking up the Cross of Christ, by all who desire to be his Disciples, and that without it we could not be true Christians. From *Flushing* we went to *Musketto-Cove*, *Musketto-Cove*, and had a Meeting there on Third-day, which was large, and to general Satisfaction, and some were there that were newly convinced. I seeing the Openness of the Meeting, advised Friends to build a Meeting-house there, which they approved of. On Fourth-day we had a Meeting at *Westbury*, and on *Westbury*. Fifth-day at *Cowneck*. From *Cowneck* I went to the *Cowneck*. South-side of the Island, and had a Meeting at Captain *Hicks's*. The Neighbours, who were not of our *Rockway*. Society, came generally to this Meeting, and they were pressingly exhorted to come to Christ, and the Way opened unto them. It was a good Time, and I thought a Time of Love to us all ; though before the Meeting I was exceedingly shut up in myself, so that the Meeting was very beneficial to me, among the rest, to see how the Lord could work by his Power, and unlock the Soul, as in a Moment, as he did for my poor Soul at Times. O may I, with Christ's Followers and Ministers, ever depend upon him, is my Petition ! From *Rockway* (for so is the Place called) we went to *Westbury*, and had a very large Meeting on a First-day ; and, as I was informed, some were convinced there that Day. From hence I went

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Huntington.*

to a Place called *Foster's Meadows*, where we had a large Meeting in one *Duesbury's Barn*. After this I went over to the Main Land, and had a Meeting at a Place called *Westchester*. From thence we went to *Flushing*, and had a large Meeting on a Fifth-day of the Week, in which the right training up of Children, and careful Education of Youth, was zealously recommended. From *Flushing* I went to *Huntington*, where some were lately convinced of the Principle of Truth as it is in Christ Jesus, some of whom were excommunicated by the *Presbyterians*, with whom they had formerly join'd. We had a pretty large Meeting in a Friend's Barn, where one Priest *Prime* opposed me, as he also had my Friend *Benjamin Kid* some Time before, of which, by Letter, I gave an Account to my dear Friends *Thomas Lightfoot* and *Benjamin Kid*, desiring them (in their Return from *New-England*) to have an Evening-meeting there. The Grounds of this Priest's Cavilling, or Dispute, was that I had declared, That it is the Light of Christ, or his Spirit, which convinceth the World of Sin, and not a natural Light, or the Light of a natural Conscience; from whence he took Occasion to charge me with denying a natural Conscience; the Falshood of which I charg'd upon him before the Auditory, and desired him, if he had any Thing on his Mind, to write it to me, to which I promis'd to return him an Answer.

New-town.

From *Huntington* I went to the General-meeting of Friends held at *New-town*, which was so large that the Meeting-house could not contain the People, and the Weather being exreme hot, the People without Doors were some of them uneasy, and went to and fro; but those that were in the House, and so near as they could hear, were very attentive, and as far as I could learn, generally satisfied. Our next Meeting was at *New-York*, which was the quietest Meeting I ever had there; and those few Friends at *New-York*, and some that were there from *Long-Island*, parted with us in the

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Love of Christ, and in the Fellowship of his blessed Gospel ; and so I travelled homewards, having good Satisfaction in visiting my Friends ; and when I came Home, I found my dear Wife and Children in Health, *Frankfort*, for which I bless God. 1724.

After this Journey I kept to Meetings at and about Home as usual, and was at the Fifth-day-meeting in *Philadelphia*, when *Samuel Preston* was married to *Margaret Langdale* (the Widow of my dear Friend and Fellow-traveller *Josiah Langdale* :) The Meeting was large, and the Parable of the Virgins, and the Bridegrooms's Coming at Midnight, was opened, with an Exhortation to the People to be ready against that Hour, and that they should take Care to have the holy Oil of divine Grace in their Hearts. *Philadelph.*

After this Meeting I had some Affairs which called me into *Chester-County*, and on the Road my Horse gave a sudden and violent Start out of the Path, and threw me down, and before I could get up again, he struck my Face, and on my Right Eye with his Foot, being newly shod, which stunn'd me for the present ; but as soon as I opened that Eye which was unhurt, I perceiv'd that I lay on my Back, under my Horse's Belly, with my Head between his fore Feet. He stood still, and I got on my Hands and Knees, the Blood streaming out of my Nose and right Eye, and while I was bleeding, a Man and Woman came by, and stay'd till I had done bleeding, and saw me mounted on my Horse again. I went forward, being about two Miles from the House I intended to go to, and after riding about a Mile, I met with a Friend that knew me, and was surpris'd to see me so bloody, and went with me to *Randal Mayling's*, (a faithful honest Friend, who was upwards of eighty Years of Age, and had suffered much for his Profession of the Truth in his younger Years) where several tender-hearted, motherly Women dress'd my wounded Eye. I was truly thankful to the Lord for his Providence towards me in this Deliverance, among many others, which he

1724. in his Goodness hath vouchsafed to me. I stay'd at this Friend's House three Nights, and mended apace, and the Friend accompanied me to my House at *Frankfort*, where my loving Wife, with some Surprise, received me very affectionately; and thro' her Care and continual Application, I recovered, that I could see pretty well with Spectacles, which I was obliged to use for some Months. *Such Accidents plainly shew us the Necessity of preparing for sudden Death, as we know not when, or how, we may go off the Stage of this Life.*

On the 25th of the Fifth Month, I received a Letter from a Person in the County of *Burlington*, relating to *Water-Baptism*, to which I made Answer as follows.

‘ **T**HY Lines I received last Night, in the Pursuing of which, there was a Christian Love in my Heart towards thee, tho’ unknown by Face, and I have much Freedom of Mind to answer thine, according to thy Request, and my small Ability. *First* then, We are near in Sentiments to each other in the grand Christian Principle of saving Religion, which is the Work of the holy Spirit of Christ upon the Soul, for that is the *Baptism* which is Christ’s, and is truly saving, and absolutely necessary to Salvation; Christ’s Baptism being but one, which is with the holy Ghost, and with spiritual Fire or Water; *John’s* being the Element, or Figure; and CHRIST’s being the Spirit, Power, and Divine Substance, and is to be with the Church of Christ, and with his true Ministers to the End of the World. *Secondly*, In Answer to thy Query, *Was Water-Baptism* (that is, the Element) *not commanded by Christ himself*, in *Matth. xxviii. 19*? I answer, I believe not. My Reason is this, because the holy Ghost, or Spirit, is mentioned in the Text, or that Command, in express Words, and Water is not; and therefore we omit going into outward Water,

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and for other Reasons as followeth. *Thirdly*, That Water-Baptism, which was *John's*, was practised by the Apostles, is true ; but it was not practised by Christ, who, no doubt, would have done it if it had been absolutely necessary ; for he disdained not to wash his Disciples Feet, a much more despicable Office than that of the Baptismal Ceremony : So because Christ did not himself practice it, nor, as we conceive, commanded us to go into material Water, we therefore forbear it. *Fourthly*, That the Apostles did baptize with Water, we deny not ; and that they were circumcised, and did circumcise, is also undeniable. Now, must we circumcise because the Apostles did, and were themselves circumcised ? Consider that carefully, and I hope that will give thee some Sight or Light into, or concerning the Dispensation of Water-Baptism, which was *John's* Baptism, and was glorious in its Day and Dispensation, in pointing at Christ's Baptism, until it came, which was the Substance, and was with spiritual Fire, and spiritual Water, and will continue for ever. To Christ, and his Baptism, I heartily direct thee for further Instruction, *in whom* is Light, and that Light is the Life of Men, or *Life, and that Life the Light of Men*.

And further, I would write a little of my own Thoughts concerning Water-Baptism, and on some Texts of Scripture, being Christ's own Words, *viz. He that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved, and he that believeth not, shall be damned, or condemned, Mark xvi. 16*. Now this must needs be understood of the Spirit's Baptism ; for it would be absurd to say, or believe, that all who are baptized with the Element of Water, are saved, or all who are not baptized with Water, are damn'd ; therefore it is the Spirit's Baptism, that all professing Christianity ought to come unto to witness Salvation. Again, Christ says, *Except a Man be born of*

1724. *Water, and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God, or of Heaven, Matt. iii. 5. This divers will have to be a Mixture of the Element Water, and of the Spirit; but Christ says, It is the Spirit that quickeneth, the Flesh profiteth nothing: The Words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are Life, John vi. 63. And that which is born of the Flesh is Flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit, is Spirit, John iii. 6. According to which Doctrine, I have Faith to believe, that outward, fleshly, or elementary Water-Baptism, profits little or nothing to the Soul. Again, Why should the Water in that Place be understood of the Element, any more than the Fire in the other, viz. To be baptized with the Holy Ghost and with Fire? Since Christ said, My Words they are Spirit and Life. Remember the Well of Water that springs up to eternal Life in the Believers: Remember the Water that Christ gave, whosoever drank of it was never to thirst more. This is all spiritual, which the carnal Mind cannot comprehend or enjoy, but is witnessed by the spiritual Man. And further, if we consider what Confusion there is in the World about this Water-Baptism, it may well put a tender-seeking Soul upon further Search into the Nature of holy, saving Baptism. The Papists have one Way; the Lutherans and Calvinists another; the Baptists, they have another; and all differ so widely, that, generally speaking, they will not worship together; neither are they ever like to be reconciled, except they come to the holy Spirit and divine Power of Jesus, the good Saviour and precious Guide of Souls. That Saying of his hath often been a Comfort to me in deep Exercises and Distresses of Mind, when he said to his Disciples, It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come; but if I go away, I will pray to the Father, and he will send the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, in my Name, and when he is come, he shall lead*

‘ lead you, and guide you into all Truth; he shall take of
 ‘ mine, and give it unto you, and shall bring all Things
 ‘ to your Remembrance, that I have spoken unto you.
 ‘ And that he was to convince the World of Sin;
 ‘ and that he shall abide with you for ever: May
 ‘ the precious Gift of the Spirit be given to thee, and
 ‘ to all true Seekers of God, his Christ and Kingdom,
 ‘ is my real Desire, and humble Prayer to the most
 ‘ High. [See the four Evangelists for the Promise, they
 ‘ not wording it alike.]

‘ Having answered the most of thy Letter, I
 ‘ would add a few Lines more, viz. I have known
 ‘ some who could not be satisfied with Words about
 ‘ this Point of Baptism with Water, until Christ had
 ‘ by his Spirit given them Satisfaction in themselves;
 ‘ and as thou comes more and more into close Com-
 ‘ munion with his Grace and Spirit in thy own Soul,
 ‘ I hope thou also wilt have better Satisfaction than
 ‘ that of Words only. I have known some of the
 ‘ People called *Baptists*, who have been convinced
 ‘ of the Truth, according to our Way and Principle,
 ‘ to whom all the Writing, and Disputing, and
 ‘ Reading, and Preaching, about this Point, could
 ‘ never give ample Satisfaction, until they had it in-
 ‘ wardly and immediately from Christ, manifested to
 ‘ them by his holy Spirit in their Hearts, as aforesaid.
 ‘ Tho’ I would not be understood to be against satis-
 ‘ fying one another as much as lieth in our Power,
 ‘ and as we find Openness in the Love of God and
 ‘ Christ. And further, I never understood that any
 ‘ of our Society were absolutely against such prac-
 ‘ tising of it, who could see no further, or did really
 ‘ think in their Consciences it was their Duty so to do:
 ‘ But we believe, that we see beyond the Figure or
 ‘ Shadow, and are come to the Substance, for the
 ‘ Reasons mentioned, and many more which might
 ‘ be given. Several Treatises have been written upon
 ‘ this Subject, one of which is very full (before we

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' were a People) by *William Dell*, a wise and learned
 ' Man, and one who had a large Sense of the Power
 ' of God : And among us *Barclay's* Apology, and a
 ' Treatise by *John Gratton*, who was a *Baptist*
 ' Preacher, and one by *Joseph Pike* : And also here is
 ' a little Book of *Thomas Upsher's* (a *Baptist* Preacher
 ' before he came to join with us) which I send thee,
 ' with whom I was well acquainted, as also with
 ' those Men who subscribed it. If thou applies thy-
 ' self to *Richard Smith*, of *Burlington*, he is as likely
 ' as any I know to help thee to those Books, all
 ' which are larger on the Subject, and have given Sa-
 ' tisfaction to Thousands about it ; tho' some, as I have
 ' said, could never be satisfied with Words. In read-
 ' ing the latter Part of thy Letter, I was tenderly af-
 ' fected, and my Prayers to the Almighty were, that
 ' he would please to direct thee by his Power and
 ' Spirit, and the Grace of his dear Son, who hath
 ' said, *He that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast*
 ' *off*. Now, tender Friend, Christ is the true Light,
 ' that lighteth every Man that cometh into the
 ' World, by which Light thou must walk to the
 ' Kingdom and City of God. He is the Door into
 ' the true Sheepfold : He is the Truth, in whom
 ' thou must believe : He is the divine Life and Light
 ' of the Soul : He is the true Christian's All in all :
 ' *And as the Kingdom is within* (as said Christ) *so the*
 ' *King is also within*, and without also, He is God
 ' Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent, the immor-
 ' tal Jehovah, and is God over all, blessed for ever.
 ' And as a Servant of his, I recommend thee, with my
 ' own Soul, unto him for Preservation and divine
 ' Direction ; for it is the great Work of Christ's true
 ' Ministers and Servants, to direct the seeking, travel-
 ' ling Souls to him ; to whom, with the Father, and
 ' the eternal Spirit, be Glory, now, and evermore,
 ' Amen. — From thy assured Friend in Christ.

T. C.

The Person to whom I wrote this Letter, some Time after informed me, it gave him great Satisfaction. 1724.

After I had stay'd at Home some Time, and pretty well recovered of the Hurt I had by my Fall, I visited some Meetings about Home, as *Philadelphia, Abington, and German town.* In several of those Meetings I was concerned to exhort Friends, as our Meetings and Worship was, in this Province of *Pensylvania*, a kind of national Worship, to beware that they did not indulge themselves in the Sins of the Nations, but to be careful to keep to the holy, self-denying Life of Jesus.

On the 5th of the Sixth Month, between the Hours of nine and ten in the Night, there was an Earthquake, which divers People were very sensible of ; and about this Time divers People were taken off with a violent Fever ; and I was concerned in several Meetings to put the People in mind of their Mortality, and Shortness of Time here ; and also of the Uncertainty of it, and the Necessity of speedy Preparation for their final Change and future Well-being. In the aforesaid Month I was at our Youths Meeting in *Philadelphia*, where I was concerned to advise Parents to do justly to their Children, in the divers Relations of a Child's State ; to be just in Correction, and to be sure to give them Learning, and train them up in Reading of the holy Scriptures, *they being able, through Faith in Christ, to make us wise to Salvation.* I also was earnest in Exhortation to the Youth, to obey and honour their Parents, and to have a Care not to be disobedient to their Fathers and Mothers. I had a Concern also to remind that large Congregation, that the Almighty had stretched out his Arm of Power, with his Rod, and had given the People of this Land three Strokes therewith, as a gentle Admonition towards Heart-preparation, to meet him, and to prepare for their latter End, or final Dissolution : Which was *First*, A Sickness, or pestilential Fever, which carried off many

1724: many of the People: *Secondly*, An Earthquake, of which divers in Town and Country were very sensible. *Thirdly*, A terrible Whirlwind, such as we never before heard of in this Land, that I remember. They were admonished to take particular and special Notice of those gentle Strokes of the divine Hand, for if he pleased he could as soon take away many by Sickness, as a few, and if he pleased he could have made us a Desolation, as well as the Country about Mount *Ætna*, or *Port-Royal* in *Jamaica*, not very far from us; and he could also blow us away with a Whirlwind of his Wrath, and could as easily have blown down all our City, as those few Houses in the Country.

Next Day after this Meeting I went with *John Rodman* to the Quarterly General-meeting of Worship in the County of *Chester*, which was large and satisfactory.

Chester
County.

The 25th of the Sixth Month I was at the Burial of the Wife of *Richard Waln*, a virtuous and good Woman. Some of her last Words were, "Some Mens
" Sins go before-hand to Judgment, and some follow
" after them; and that her Sins were gone before,
" which was a great Comfort to her, now she was
" going to leave the World." It was a large Meeting, and a seasonable Opportunity that we had at the Funeral. The People were called upon to work, while it was called To day, *Because*, as our Saviour said, *the Night cometh, wherein no Man can work.*

Fair Hill.

Frankfort.

In this and the foregoing Year I met with various Trials and Exercises: As *First*, Great inward Poverty and Want. *Secondly*, Great Losses in outward Affairs. And *Thirdly*, The evil Spirits of divers stirred up against me, to report Falshoods concerning me, with many other sore Exercises both inward and outward: As to the *First*, I had often been try'd that Way, and found by Experience, that I must wait upon God my Saviour, for fresh and renewed Visitations from above; in which Exercise, I had always in the Lord's Time, Comfort from him, as by the same
Exercise

Exercise I had now the same Comfort also ; but I 1724-
 thought it very long, and the Enemy did greatly endeavour to break in upon my Patience now more than usual : But my Heart still depended in Faith and Hope upon the Lord my Redeemer and Saviour, and in his Time he was pleased to help me, blessed be his holy Arm and Power for ever ! Many blessed Saints and Servants of Jesus were brought to my Mind, who were in the like Condition, so that I had a secret Joy in their Company (who met with the like in their Travels to the holy City.) *Secondly*, as to my outward Losses, I thought with myself, peradventure it might be best for me : And I remembered that many, through the Increase of outward Riches, were exceedingly hurt as to their inward State ; and tho' I (or any good Man) might be concerned for our Children, to get and leave something for them ; yet I plainly saw, that generally speaking, much Riches doth much Hurt to Youth. This was a melancholly Observation that I had made in my Life and Travels, and I see at this Day that it is an universal Distemper (a very few excepted) wherefore I cry'd mightily to God, that he would give to me and mine the Gift of his Grace and holy Spirit, whatever our Circumstances might be in the World. In this also I saw that Patience was an excellent Virtue, and that the Meek had the best Inheritance of the Earth, if they had ever so little of it ; and that true Happiness did not consist in earthly Things, which my Experience had largely taught me. And *Thirdly*, As to the base and evil Treatment I met with (which was more than I had ever met with in all my Life before) great Endeavours were used to lessen my Reputation, as a Man and a Christian ; all which proved false and fruitless, and in due Time my Innocence was made manifest ; and I considered that they could not use me worse than they had done my Lord and Master, and that the Devil was angry with any who endeavoured to dethrone him,

1724. him, and pull down his Kingdom, at the Foundation of which, thro' the Help of my Master, I had many a Stroke or Blow, with such Weapons as he was pleased to furnish me withal.

The last of the Sixth Month, and the 1st of the Seventh Month, was the Quarterly and Youths Meeting at *Burlington*, at both which I was. At the Quarterly Meeting I was concerned to open to that Meeting, how all along the Church of God was governed by his Spirit, in the Time of the Law, and *Moses* was an Instrument therein; and that when it was too hard, and too much Work for *Moses*, he was advised to get the Help and Assistance of the Elders, and that the same Power and Spirit of God that was with and upon *Moses*, was upon the Elders who assisted him in the Affairs of the Church, and Congregation of the Lord's People; so that it was governed by God's Spirit, and is to be governed by the same still, and not by the Will of Man, nor according to the Will of Man in his corrupt Nature. And when *Israel* went from God's Power and Spirit, the Lord left them, but at last sent to them his only begotten Son, our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; and he was, and ever is, to be Governor of his Church, thro' his holy Spirit, which, he told his Disciples, *he would pray the Father, and he should send unto them the Comforter, the holy Ghost, or Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, and he should abide with them for ever, and should lead and guide them into all Truth*; which sweet and precious Promises that he made to them, the true Believers do witness to be fulfilled at this Day. Glory to his Name for ever, *he is the wonderful Counsellor, mighty Saviour, and Prince of Peace!* of whose Peace and Government there shall never be an End, and upon whose Shoulder the Government is to be for ever, for whose Power, and holy Spirit, Friends were exhorted to pray and wait, and to be sensible of it in the Discipline and Government of the Church now in this Gospel Day, in which is a brighter Manifestation

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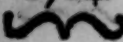
Manifestation of God's Love, thro' his Son, than in the Time of the Law. The Youths Meeting was also large, and divers Testimonies were born, by Way of Exhortation and Counsel to the Youth. They were with much Tenderness advised to take Counsel of their Elders, and were shewn how it fared with some young Men, who slighted the Advice and Counsel of the Elders; and that one, when on a Dying-bed, cried out in the Bitterness and Agonies of his Spirit, *Ob! that I had taken the Counsel and Advice of my Friends, for then I had not been here, nor in this Condition.* The Youth were advised to beware of keeping bad Company, and spending their precious Time in Taverns, which hath undone many fair and promising Youths: And it was shewn, how a young Man might cleanse his Ways, by taking heed thereunto, according to the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever, and which the holy Scriptures proceeded from; and they were earnestly exhorted to read and practice what was written therein: And a very tender Time we had in Prayer to God, thro' his dear Son, to preserve us all in his Fear, both Youth and Aged; and so our Meeting broke up, and we parted in the sweet Love of God, and his Christ, our holy Saviour.

My Troubles in the World, and in the Things of it, being many, and my outward Losses being great; as also was my inward Poverty of Mind and Spirit, I took my Pen, and wrote one Day as followeth: *Ob! if it be right in the Sight of God, how do I long to be unclothed of this frail and mortal Body, that my Soul and Spirit might mount up into the ætherial Plains, and repose itself in the vast expanding Arms of its Maker, and most sweet Saviour for ever!*

Being at and near Home some Time after I came from Burlington, I visited the Meetings of German-town and Philadelphia, which were large, and some good Sense of Truth was in the Hearts of divers. I was concerned at that Meeting at Philadelphia to let the People

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1724.  People know, That as God had blessed the People of that City, and the Province, with spiritual and temporal Blessings, and made the Land naturally fruitful, to the Inriching many of the Inhabitants, he now expected Fruits from them of Piety and Virtue; and that if there was not a stricter walking with God in Christ Jesus, they might expect his divine Hand, which had visited them with Favours from Heaven above, and from the Earth beneath, would visit them with a Rod in it, and that he had already given them some gentle Strokes therewith.

Yearly-
Meeting.

Our Yearly-meeting was this Year at *Burlington*, for the Provinces of *New Jersey* and *Pensylvania*, the Service of which our Quarterly-meeting appointed me with divers others, to attend. It was a large and comfortable Meeting, and many went Home thankful to the holy Name of God and Christ, that they were there.

I shall end the second Part of the Journal of my Life and Travels, when I have transcribed Part of a Letter which my dear Father wrote me, when eighty odd Years of Age, he having been a Minister of Christ above forty Years, which followeth:

Loving Son, Thomas Chalkley,

A Letter
from my
Father:

‘ **T**HINE dated the 11th of the Tenth
‘ Month 1723, I received, and was very glad
‘ to hear of your Welfare, and that the Lord hath
‘ given you Children: And I pray the Almighty God
‘ that he may preserve them with you, that they
‘ may be a Comfort to you in your latter Days; and
‘ that if the Lord may be pleased to continue them
‘ with you, that they may, as they grow in Days,
‘ grow in Grace, and in the Knowledge of our Lord
‘ and Saviour Jesus Christ; and that the Lord may
‘ be pleased to preserve us all to the End of those few
‘ Days we may have in this World, that then we may
‘ lay down our Heads in Peace and in full Assurance
‘ of

of everlasting Blessedness for ever and evermore.— 1724.
 ‘ I bless the Lord that he has preserved me sensible
 ‘ of his blessed and holy Spirit, whereby my Under-
 ‘ standing is indifferent clear and well, considering my
 ‘ Age; and the Lord in his great Loving-kindness
 ‘ I do feel to help me to my great Satisfaction, in
 ‘ my little Service for him.

‘ Having this Opportunity by a Friend of your
 ‘ Town, was willing to let you hear of our Welfare
 ‘ and Health. I am in as good Health at present as
 ‘ I have been for many Years, and can make a Shift
 ‘ to go over *London-Bridge*, and to the Meeting at
 ‘ *Aldersgate*, and to the *Peel-Meeting*, from my House
 ‘ in *Shad-Thames*.—— And the Lord hath been
 ‘ pleased to be with me now in my poor aged Con-
 ‘ dition.

‘ So, dear Son, my dear Love is to thee and thine,
 ‘ and to Friends that may enquire after us. Divers
 ‘ Friends give their Love to thee, whose Names I
 ‘ can’t remember.

‘ With repeated Love to you all, I rest thy aged,
 ‘ and (thereby thro’ Pain) afflicted Father.

GEORGE CHALKLEY.

Southwark, London, 5th of the 6th Month 1724.

P. S. ‘ Thy Brother George, his Love is to you all,
 ‘ and I desire thee to let us hear of you as Op-
 ‘ portunity may serve.’

To see my dear Father’s Hand-writing, now he
 was above four-score Years of Age, was very affecting
 to me; and the more, because I expected it might be
 his last; (*which it was*)——The Answer I sent to my
 dear Father’s Letter is as followeth:

Frankfort,

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Frankfort, 22d of the 8th Month, 1724.

An An-
swer to my
Father's
Letter.

My dear Father,

‘ **T**HINE, *per James Wilkins*, I received with
‘ Joy, and was greatly comforted to hear that
‘ thou wast yet alive ; and especially that thou art fa-
‘ voured now in thy old Age, with a Sense of the
‘ Gift of God, thro’ the holy Spirit of his dear Son,
‘ our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

‘ The Reading of thine did mightily refresh and
‘ tender my Heart and Spirit, not expecting many
‘ more such Epistles from thee, by Reason of thy
‘ great Age. But my very dear and truly honoured
‘ Father, if we should never hear from, nor see one
‘ another more in Mutability, yet are we, while here
‘ on Earth, as living Epistles in one anothers Hearts,
‘ wrote by the Finger, or Hand of God. I have
‘ Hope also, that we shall meet where we shall never
‘ part more, in the glorious Kingdom of God and
‘ his Christ.

‘ We are all in good Health, I humbly thank the
‘ Lord, and if it be his Will, should rejoice to hear
‘ that these find thee (my tender and loving Father,
‘ with my dear Brother and Sister, and all my loving
‘ Cousins, and our Friends in general) in like Health.
‘ ———I desire to know exactly, thy Age in thy next,
‘ if thou art able to write to me, and if thou lives
‘ where thou did formerly, or with Brother or Cousin,
‘ which will be very acceptable to me.

‘ Thus, with unspeakable Love from Self, and Wife,
‘ to thee my dear and aged Father, and all Relations,
‘ and Friends, I remain thy loving and dutiful Son,

THOMAS CHAKLET.

The End of the Second PART.

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THOMAS CHALKLEY.

PART III.

IN this Year 1724 I met with various Trials, Afflictions, and Tribulations; and had not the secret Hand of the Lord, which I felt underneath, bore up my Spirit from sinking (I think) I could never have waded thro' them. 1724.

I was now removed (as already related) into the Country for Retirement, which I greatly loved and delighted in; but as soon as I was a little settled there, the Enemy of all Good endeavoured to disquiet my Repose, by stirring up some bad People against me, who lived near, and in Time past had fawn'd upon me: And, to add to my Afflictions, I lost a Vessel, in which, I suppose, I had upwards of Five Hundred Pounds; and another Vessel came in almost a Wreck,

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1724. in which I suffered in my Interest several Hundreds more, and a third I heard of, in which I had the like Loss; and about the same Time I had also a good new Barn burnt to the Ground in a few Minutes, so that I was exceedingly stripp'd that Way: And to add yet more to my Exercise, I was sorely afflicted with Sickness, having a Swelling in my Jaws, Mouth, and Throat, to that Degree, that I could neither speak nor swallow for some Time, nor eat nor sleep for about seven Days (as I remember) without great Difficulty. What the Distemper was, we could not be certain. Some suppos'd it to be the Quinsy, others an Imposthume; also my little and only Daughter at the same Time was likely to die; and as for my own Part, I was very willing to go, if it so pleased God; for I saw thro' the Deceit of the World, and that the Friendship of it was not permanent; and in my sore Afflictions in Body, Mind, and Interest, it fared with me as with *Job*; for divers of my pretended Friends added to my Afflictions by undue Reflections; whom I pray the Lord to forgive for his Son's Sake! At these Times the Remembrance of that Saying of Christ, *That the very Hairs of your Head are numbred*, Matth. x. 30. at Times supported me in Hopes, that all would work together for Good.

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When I got a little well, so that I could go to Meetings, I went to *German-town, Abington, Philadelphia*, and *Derby*. My first going abroad was to *Philadelphia*, where, on a First-day, we had a large Meeting, and divers Things were opened in my Mind: I told them they had *Moses* and the *Prophets*, and *JESUS CHRIST*, who was arisen from the Dead; for neither Death, Hell, nor the Grave, could detain the Lord of Life and Glory. And I was opened to declare to them, that they had a great Advantage of the Coming of Christ, not only in his Appearance at *Jerusalem*, but as he came to, and spoke to the Heart, by his inward and spiritual Appearance; and that this Gospel-

Gospel-Dispensation was by his Coming, made more conspicuous, bright, and glorious, than that which went before. Friends were very glad to see me abroad again (they having expected daily to hear I was dead) and there was Tenderness over the Meeting, and God over all, thro' his dear Son our Lord Jesus Christ, was praised and glorified, who is worthy for ever. 1724.

In this Year two sober young Women, *Elizabeth Levis* and *Jane Fenn*, were concerned to visit Friends in the Island of *Barbadoes*, and they meeting with some Discouragement, in Christian Love I wrote them the following Letter, to encourage them in the Work of Christ.

Frankfort, 1st of the 12th Month, 1724.

My dear Friends, *Elizabeth Levis* and *Jane Fenn*,
 ' UNDERSTANDING by our Friend *Grace*
 ' *Lloyd*, that you have proposed your Intention
 ' of visiting those few Friends in the Island of *Barba-*
 ' *does*, and that you meet with some Discouragement
 ' inwardly and outwardly, therefore it is in my Mind
 ' to comfort and strengthen you in so great and good
 ' an Undertaking and honourable Work, as is that
 ' of the Cause of Christ, who, for our Sakes crossed
 ' himself abundantly beyond Expression, more than
 ' is possible for us to do for his Sake, or the Sake of
 ' his People, whom we may so entirely love, as to
 ' lay down our Lives for his and their Sakes. But
 ' what is our Lives, to the Life of the only-begotten
 ' Son of God? And truly, we must give them up
 ' often, if we have the Cause of Souls at Heart; and
 ' then he often gives them to us again, Glory to his
 ' holy Name for ever! As Christ said, *He that will*
 ' *save his Life, shall lose it, and he that will lay down*
 ' *his Life for my Sake and the Gospel, shall find it;*
 ' which reacheth your Case in this Undertaking.

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1724. ' And indeed, some of our Lives, in our own Sense,
' is hardly worth mentioning, considering the Cause of
' Christ.

' And, dear Children of our heavenly Father, I may
' thro' some good Experience, truly inform you, that
' there is much Openness in many People on that
' Island, and good Encouragement I have had, from
' above, in my Visiting the People there; tho',
' true it is, the Inhabitants, too generally, are Lux-
' urious, and much given to Vanity: Yet I have this
' Seal in my Heart, that the Lord hath a Seed in
' that Place who desires to serve him, and that Seed
' will surely join with you in your Exercise, and you
' will be comforted one in another, and in the Lord.
' And that there are Differences among them, is also
' true; but they have the more Need of being visit-
' ed by such, who are, thro' their wise Conduct and
' healing Disposition, likely to heal those Breaches
' which are, or may be among them. Some, indeed,
' have gone among them and have done Hurt, by a
' rash and turbulent Way of Management, and by so
' doing, have rather made the Breaches wider, than,
' by a meek and loving, as well as lowly Disposition,
' lessened their Differences, and healed them.

' And, tender Friends, tho' it may seem hard for
' you in several Considerations, to give up to go to
' Sea, and also to divers who love you, and are nearly
' related to you; know ye, and such so concerned,
' *That the Lord is stronger than the Noise of many Wa-*
' *ters, and than the mighty Waves of the Sea.* And I
' really believe that you, as well as my Soul (with
' the Servants of Christ) have, and will experience it
' to be so, as *David* did, whose Words they are.

' I remember the Words of our great Lord and
' Master Jesus, when he sent forth his Servants to
' preach his Word and Gospel; *I send you forth as*
' *Lambs among Wolves.* No question but you, like
' innocent Lambs, before your Return (if it please
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' God to give you to us again) may meet with the 1724.
 ' Wolves Spirit, or the Spirit of the Beast, in some
 ' or others among whom you may travel ; then will
 ' the Counsel of Christ, added to his Commission, be
 ' good for you to keep close to ; *Be ye wise as Serpents,*
 ' *but innocent or harmless as Doves.*

' And, dear Maidens, I look upon it as your Cross
 ' is great, you being two innocent, chaste young
 ' Women, to give up your Names to cross the Sea,
 ' which I know is a great Cross to a chaste Woman,
 ' or Man either, the Seamen, too generally, being
 ' rude, dissolute People ; so your Crown will be
 ' great also. I have known that by keeping near to
 ' Christ, and his Truth and Power, there hath been
 ' a wonderful Reformation divers Times in several
 ' of those rude Seamen ; and some have been so far
 ' convinced, as to be exceedingly kind, and to speak
 ' well of Friends and their Conversation, when it has
 ' been coupled with the Fear and Wisdom of God.
 ' When I have gone to Sea, I always found a religi-
 ' ous and Christian Concern upon me, for the poor
 ' Sailors, the good Effects of which, have been much
 ' more than I may speak of ; but give this little Hint
 ' for your Encouragement and Information.

' Well, dear Souls, if you go, I believe the Lord
 ' will go with you ; and sure I am, that my Spirit
 ' will go along with you, which will not hurt you, if
 ' it do you no good. And altho' my Exercises and
 ' Tribulations of late have been very great, both spi-
 ' ritual and natural, yet my very Heart within me
 ' affects the Cause of Christ, according to the best of
 ' my Understanding ; and I heartily wish well to all
 ' my Fellow-Labourers, who are faithful, painful Ser-
 ' vants of Christ, and disinterested, except as to the
 ' Interest which they desire in Christ and his Kingdom,
 ' for the Sake of which, they love not their Lives unto
 ' Death.

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‘ I must now take Leave, after putting you in mind
 ‘ of remembring me, your poor Friend and Brother,
 ‘ when before the Throne you are supplicating the Fa-
 ‘ ther of Mercies in secret, even as my Heart is ten-
 ‘ derly bowed and broken into Tears on your Behalf
 ‘ at this Time. The Lord be with you, and sanctify
 ‘ the present Exercise and Concern that is upon you,
 ‘ and you to himself, with all the faithful Lovers and
 ‘ Followers of the Lamb, thro’ his Word, whose Word
 ‘ is Truth. I am your Friend and Brother, in the
 ‘ Fellowship of the Gospel of Christ Jesus our great
 ‘ Lord and good Master; and blessed are all those,
 ‘ who by their fearing to offend him, manifest him to
 ‘ be their Master, and by their honouring him, mani-
 ‘ fest him to be their Lord.’

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Chester
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In the Twelfth Month I went to the Quarterly meet-
 ing of Friends, held at *Providence*, for *Chester County*,
 for Discipline and Worship; which Meeting was
 large, and a Concern came upon Friends at that
 Meeting to suppress Excess in Eating and Drinking,
 and great Entertainments at Marriages and Funerals,
 and spending Time idly in tippling Houses; as also
 in several other Things for the well-ordering our So-
 ciety, in which appeared great Love and Unanimity.
 The People were reminded of God’s Love to them in
 this Land, and many Favours were recounted to them,
 which he had favoured the Inhabitants of the Land
 with, which were very singular, and that he expected
 they should bring forth Fruits that might be answer-
 able to the Labours of Love, which the Lord had be-
 stowed upon them.

About this Time I had it in my Mind to write to
 one who was conscientiously concerned to preach the
 Gospel of Christ, but was under great Exercise on
 that Occasion.

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Frankfort, 24th of the 12th Month 1724:

My Friend,

SINCE I last saw thee and conversed with thee, thou hast often been in my Mind, and thy Exercise has come before me; and not having an Opportunity to converse with thee personally, I take this Way of communicating my Mind, hoping in Christ thou wilt reap some Satisfaction and Advantage thereby. I think I know thou art concerned for Christ's Cause, as also was that eminent Minister *Apollos*, *Yet was instructed more perfectly by good Aquila and Priscilla*. The Subject on which I have it in my Mind to write to thee, is the Ministry of the Gospel of Christ Jesus, which I believe to be very different from that which it is generally taken for, in most Parts of the World, by many professing Christianity. *First*, The greatest Part of Christendom, so called, calls and elects their Ministers themselves, and will not call them unless they have School-learning, altho' Christ called and chose unlearned Men, as to that Sort of Learning, and the Apostles were called, *Not according to the Will of Man, but by the Revelation of Christ Jesus*. And Christ thanked his Father that *He had revealed the Mysteries of his Kingdom to Babes and Sucklings*. And the wise *Jews* (the *Scribes* and *Pharisees*) admired at the Apostles, who so wonderfully preached Christ, and were so wonderfully carried forth in their Ministry, and yet few of them were Men of Learning; so that the Call, Election, and Wages of Christ's Ministers, is spiritual, and not carnal, and therefore their Ministry is with divine Life and Power, by which they are qualify'd for this Service without either Study or Premeditation: Tho' it is not denied, that Christ may shew a Minister before-hand, what he shall, or is to speak, at such a Time or

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Place, as he may see meet ; but that studying or writing Sermons, and afterwards preaching, or rather reading them to the People, was, or is, the Practice of the true Ministers of Jesus, our great Lord and Master, is deny'd ; of which, I do believe, thou hast a real Sense.

I shall impart to thee something of my own Experience for thy Edification in this great Work, viz. As in the Work of Conversion, or Regeneration, there is a Growth and Increase from the State of a Child to that of a Man in Christ, so in the Work of the Ministry, or preaching the Gospel, there is also a Growth from a Babe to an able Minister, in all which the Power and Grace of the holy Spirit must be our Guide, our Help, and Support, keeping close to which, we shall increase in divine Wisdom and sound Judgment, and our Hearts and Understandings will be more and more opened and enlarged. The Apostle Paul said, *When I was a Child, I spake as a Child, understood as a Child, and thought as a Child* ; and yet he was an excellent Child of God, and Minister of Christ, and as he grew in his Gift, and Christ's Grace, he became a wonderful, serviceable Instrument in the Hand of God. Now a Child's State in the Ministry is too much overlooked by many, some thinking to be Men, as soon as they are brought forth into the Ministry ; and, according to my Observation, divers have been at a Loss, and some quite lost, for Want of a patient Continuing in Well-doing, and not waiting to feel a Growth and Increase from above, have gone on in their own Strength and Will, perhaps against the Advice and Instruction of a sound and honest *Aquila* and *Priscilla*, and have been hurt ; and some, who had received a Gift, have had that same Gift taken from them, even by the Lord, who gave it them.

As I take it, a true Minister of Christ, is to take no Thought what to say, but it will be given him in

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the same Hour that which he should speak to the People (that is, in a general Way) and if it is not given from above, I believe he or she ought to be silent; for they receive freely, if they do receive any Thing from Christ, and so they ought freely to administer; and where little is given, little is required, all which is plain from Christ's own Words in the New Testament; and Christ's Cross is to be taken up by his Ministers in their Preaching, as well as in their Conversation.

It is a Practice which the holy Scriptures have not acquainted us with, that the Ministers of Christ should take a Verse, or a Line, out of the holy Scriptures, and write, or study before-hand, a Discourse on it, and preach it, or rather read it, to the People. The holy Men of old (as we read both in the Old and New Testament) spoke as they were moved by the holy Ghost, and by it they were gifted for the convincing, converting, and reforming the World, and for comforting and edifying of the Saints, quite contrary to the latter Practice of modern-reading Divines, who dispute, write, and preach against the immediate and divine Revelation of the Spirit of Christ, and therefore cannot be of his Ministers, but must be the Ministers of *Anti-christ*, and Ministers of the Letter, and not of the Spirit of Christ, or of his Gospel. And where the Apostle says, *When I was a Child, I spake as a Child*, I take him to point at the being brought forth newly into the Work of the Ministry, as well as the Work of Conversion, and that he useth those Expressions by Way of Comparison, and therefore I compare it thus: A Child when it first begins or ventures to speak, he speaks but a few Words, and those stammering sometimes, and its Judgment is weak, and must be put upon speaking by his Father over and over, if he be a backward Child, otherwise if he be forward, and speaks too much,

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1724. he is curb'd by a wise Father : And thus, according to my Observation, it hath pleased our heavenly Father to instruct his Children in the Ministry, and as a Child in Christ, I would speak a little of my Experience unto the Child, or Children of God. When I first felt a Necessity on me to preach the Gospel, I had but a few Sentences to deliver, in great Fear and Tenderness, with some Trembling, with which my Brethren were generally satisfied and edified ; and after some Time I felt a Concern to preach the Gospel in other Countries, and to other Nations (than that in which I was born) which to me was a very great Cross ; but feeling the Woe of the Lord to follow me in not giving up to it, I in some Time took that Cross up, for Christ's Sake and the Gospel's : And in taking it up, I experienc'd the Truth of the Apostle's Doctrine, *That the Gospel of Christ is the Power of God unto Salvation, to every one that believeth*, Rom. i. 16. Thus through a continual Labour and spiritual Travel, I witnessed a Growth in Experience, and an Enlargement in Expressions and heavenly Doctrine ; and my Heart was mightily enlarged to run the Ways of God's Commandments, and divers were convinced, and some, I hope, thoroughly converted, and many comforted, and God, thro' the Ministry of his dear Son, glorified, who is thereof only worthy for ever.

‘ In all which I have nothing to boast of nor glory in, saving in the Cross of Christ ; for what is *Paul*, or *Apollos*, or *Cephas*, but Instruments ? (I would not be understood to compare with those Apostles, but to endeavour to follow them as they followed Christ.) Christ is All in all : He is the great Teacher of Teachers, and the highest Schoolmaster of all : And he says, *He that will be my Disciple, must first deny himself, and take up his Cross, and follow me.*

‘ We do not find any where in the New-Testament, that Christ's Ministers or Messengers were only to

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* speak or preach to one Meeting of People, or that 1724.
 * they were called or hired by Men; for then it would
 * have been necessary Man should pay them; but
 * Christ says, *Freely you have received, freely give;*
 * *and go forth,* &c. Matth. xxviii. 19, 20.

* And, my Friend, I find to this Day, that it is safe
 * for me when I am ministring to the People; when
 * the Spring of divine Life and Power, (from which
 * sound Truths and edifying Matter springs and flows
 * into the Heart or Understanding) abates or stops,
 * to stop with it, and sit down, and not to arise, or
 * speak publickly to the People, without some spiri-
 * tual Impulse or Moving, and Openings.

* I would have this taken no otherwise, but as one
 * Friend and Brother opening their States and Con-
 * dition to another for Edification, and the strength-
 * ning each other in Christ. And as I fear lest I
 * should exceed the Bounds of a Letter, therefore
 * shall conclude thy real Friend in Jesus Christ,

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The 25th of the Twelfth Month I was at the Buri-
 al of the Wife of *Randal Spikeman*. It being our
 Fifth-day-meeting, divers sober People were there
 not of our Persuasion, and I was drawn forth to speak
 to the People of the Death of Christ and his Merits,
 and to shew them that there is no Merit in the Works
 of Man, as he is Man, or in a formal Righteousness
 or Holiness.

In our Yearly-meeting at *Burlington* it was agreed,
 that the Families of Friends should be visited, and
 soon after our Monthly-meeting appointed me, with
 other Friends, to visit the Families of Friends of our
 Meeting; in which Visitation, many were comforted
 and edify'd, both Youth and Aged; and we could
 truld say, that the Power and Grace of God, and the
 sweet Love of Christ accompanied us from House to
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1724. House, to our mutual Comfort; and we were so extraordinarily opened and guided to speak to the States of the People in their Families (that were unknown and Strangers to us) that sometimes some of them were ready to think that we spoke by Information, when in Truth we were clear of any such Thing, and only spoke from what was immediately given to us, without any Information from Man or Woman; which to us was sometimes very wonderful, and caus'd us to praise the great Name of the Lord.

In the First Month, the General-meeting at *Philadelphia* was a solid, good Meeting, and ended in a Sense of Grace and Truth, which comes by Jesus Christ. Next Day, being our Week-day-meeting, our dear Friends, *Elizabeth Levis*, and *Jane Fenn*, took Leave of us, they intending for the Island of *Barbadoes*; and it was such a Parting Meeting that will not soon be forgotten by some of us then present.

Burlington. After this Meeting I went to *Burlington*, to visit one that was sick, and under some Trouble of Mind for going astray, and greatly desired to come into the right way; with whom I had a good, seasonable Meeting, to her Comfort, and my own Satisfaction. Upon this Visit I would remark, that it is a great Pity, that Youth, when in Health and Strength, should put off the Work of their Salvation, and forget the most High, till either Sickness or Death overtake them. And then, Oh! The bitter piercing Cries and Groans, and terrible Agonies the Soul is in, which, by timely Repentance, and Amendment of Life, might be avoided.

I was afterwards at Meetings at *Philadelphia*, *Mirion*, *German-town*, &c. and had some Service and Satisfaction therein. — And on the 2d of the Second Month, the Friend whom I visited as above, was buried, and the Relations of the Deceased sent for me to the Burial. The Person being well-beloved, there was a large Appearance of People of divers Persuasions, and

and we had an Opportunity at this Funeral to exhort 1725.
 the People to live so as that they might die well ; and
 that the Way to die in the Favour of God, was
 to live in his Fear ; and Charity to those who dissent
 from one another, was pressingly recommended from
 the Apostle's Words, that *If we had Faith to remove
 Mountains, and to give all our Goods to the Poor, and
 our Bodies to be burned, yet if we wanted Charity, we
 were but like sounding Brass, and a tinkling Cymbal,*
 1 Cor. xiii. 1, 2, 3. And also our Belief of the Doctrine
 of the Resurrection of the Dead was asserted, in Con-
 tradiction to that gross Calumny cast on our Society
 of denying it.

The latter End of the Second Month, I was at a
 Marriage at *Horsbam* (at which was present *William Horsbam*
Keith, our Governor) and I was concerned to speak
 of the End of that great Ordinance, and of the Hap-
 piness of those married Persons who fulfil the Cove-
 nants they make in Marriage, and what Strength and
 Comfort the Man is to the Woman, and the Woman
 to the Man, when they keep their Covenants, and
 that they are the contrary when they break them :
 And I also opened the Methods prescribed by our
 Discipline, to be observed in Marriages, and our Care
 to prevent any clandestine Marriages amongst us.
 After this Meeting I return'd Home without going to
 the Marriage Dinner, as I generally avoided such
 Entertainments as much as I could, having no Life
 in, or liking to them, being sensible that great
 Companies and Preparations at Weddings, were
 growing Inconveniencies among us, the which I was
 conscientiously concerned to discourage. And a few
 Days after my Return Home, at our Meeting at
Frankfort, I was concerned particularly to exhort
 Friends to keep to Plainness in Language, Dress,
 &c. according to the Examples given us in the holy
 Scriptures, particularly that of *Daniel* and his Com-
 panions ; and to caution against vain and indecent
 Fashions,

1725. Fashions, which, with Concern, I have observ'd to prevail too much among some who make Profession with us.

Salem.

In this Second Month I went to the Yearly-meeting of Friends at *Salem*, and by the Way had two Meetings at *Woodberry-Creek*. At *Salem* we had a large Meeting, and our gracious Lord was with us, to the bowing many Hearts before him, and many Testimonies were given of the Goodness, Love, Mercy, and Grace of God, and his dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Cohansey, &c.

From *Salem* we travelled to *Alloways-Creek* and *Cohansey*, and from thence to *Elfsingburgh*, and ferried over the River *Delaware*, with our Horses, to *George's-Creek*, and had Meetings at all those Places. At *George's-Creek*, one, not a Friend, came to me after Meeting, and said, *He thanked me for my Advice and Counsel*; and seem'd heartily affected with the Doctrine of Christ. From *George's-Creek* we travelled to *Nottingham*, and had a large Meeting on a First-day, and another (very large) on the Second-day, where were many People of divers Persuasions. The House could not contain us, so that we met in an Orchard. A solid Meeting it was! wherein the mighty Power of the Creator was declar'd of, as also the Divinity of Christ, and his Manhood, and the People were exhorted to be careful of forming any personal Ideas of the Almighty; for the holy Scriptures do plainly manifest, that God is a wonderful, infinite, eternal Spirit, and therefore is to be worshipped in Spirit and in Truth, and outward Representations of the Lord *Jehovah*, borders too much on Idolatry. Pretty much was delivered on that Head; and I was told after Meeting, that divers *Papists* were there, tho' I knew nothing of it.

George's Creek. Nottingham.

Newcastle.

From *Nottingham* I went to *Newcastle*, and had a Meeting there, and then visited a sick Friend, with which he expressed much Satisfaction; and then went on to *Center*, *Kennet*, and *Marlborough*, and so to the Monthly-meeting at *New-Garden*, where we had a large, open Meeting, wherein were shewn, that

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those who meddled with our Discipline, in the Will Nature, Spirit, and Wisdom of Man only, could do but little Service, and that our Discipline, as also our Worship and Ministry, ought to be performed in the Wisdom and Power of God, thro' the Grace and Spirit of Christ.——From *New-Garden* we went to *Birmingham*, had a large Meeting, and I was much drawn forth to the Youth, of whom many were there, From *Birmingham* we went to the Quarterly-meeting for Discipline and Worship at *Concord*, in *Chester-County*, which was larger than I had ever seen there before. In the Quarterly-meeting of Discipline, Friends were exhorted to keep to the Cross of Christ, and to speak to Matters in the Fear of God, and to avoid and shun as much as in them lay, Self-Will, Humour, Pride, and Passion; shewing that the rough, crooked, unhewn, unpolish'd Nature of Man, could never work the Righteousness of God, and is contrary to the meek, Self-denying Life of Jesus. *John Salkeld*, and *Jacob Howell*, then signified that they were going to visit Friends in *Long-Island* and *Rhode-Island*; the Sense of the Call, Labour, and Work of the Ministry of the Gospel, and of the Love of Christ (in the Freeness of it) to Mankind, took some good Hold on divers in that Meeting, and the great Name of God, and his dear Son, thro' the holy Spirit, was glorified.

From this Meeting I came Home (having been out on this Journey near three Weeks, at twenty Meetings, and travelled more than 200 Miles) and found my Wife and Children in Health, and we rejoiced to see each other; but my Rejoicing was in Fear, even almost to Trembling, lest I should be too much lifted up when Things were agreeable to me.

After my Return Home I went to several neighbouring Meetings, and on a Fifth-day was at *Philadelphia* at the Marriage of *Richard Smith* and *Elizabeth Powell*. The Meeting was large, and the Marriage solemnly

1725. solemnly celebrated, and the People were earnestly intreated to love Christ above all, and to manifest that Love by keeping his Commandments, and that not in Shew or Words only, but in the Heart and Affections.

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Croswicks.

About the latter End of the Third Month, I went to the Quarterly-meeting of Ministers and Elders for the County of *Burlington*; and from thence to *Stony-Brook*; where on a First-day, we had a large Meeting (in *Joseph Worth's* Barn) which was crowded with People, and was a solid, good Meeting. From *Stony-Brook* I went to *Croswicks*, and was at their Youths Meeting, which was the largest I had ever seen in that Place; I told them they might say as the Sons of the Prophets did, *That the Place was too strait for them*, and advised them to enlarge it. I was glad to see such a large Appearance of sober People, and so great an Increase of Youth (in this Wilderness of *America*) and exhorted them to live in the Fear of God, that his Blessings might still be continued to them; and an Exercise was on my Mind for the Welfare of the young People, to shew them the Danger of Sin and Vanity, and of keeping ill Company, and following bad Counsel; and that the young King *Reboam* (*Solomon's* Son) lost the greatest Part of his Father's Kingdom, by following the Company and Counsel of vain, young Men; and that many young Men in this Age had lost and spent the Estates their Fathers had left them by the like Conduct, and brought themselves to Ruin, and their Families to Poverty and Want. Divers lively Testimonies were delivered in this Meeting, and it ended with Adoration and Praise of Almighty God; and tho' the Meeting held more than four Hours, the People did not seem willing to go away when it was over; for indeed it was a solid, good Meeting. The Business of the Quarterly-meeting was carried on in Peace and Love (that being the Mark the Disciples of Jesus were to be know

known by) and Friends were exhorted with a great deal of Tenderneſs to keep that Mark. 1725.

In this Journey I travelled about ninety Miles, and was at four Meetings, being from Home four Days, and was much ſatisfied in my Journey; but met with ſome Exerciſe when I came Home, hearing of ſome Loſſes and Damage to my Eſtate; ſo that I found *after I had* (according to my beſt Endeavours) *done the Will of God, I had need of Patience, that I might receive the Promise.* I was ſenſible of the Meſſenger of Satan, the Thorn in the Fleſh, which the Apoſtle ſpeaks of.

About this Time a loving Friend of mine informed me, that one whom I very well knew in *Barbadoes*, a Miniſter of our Society, had gone into an open Separation, ſo as to keep Meetings ſeparate from his Brethren, and contrary to their Advice: I was concerned in Love to write a few Lines to him, to remind him of the unhappy State and End of ſuch, who notwithſtanding the brotherly Love and kind Treatment of Friends, had ſeparated from us, and loſing the Senſe of Truth, which had made them ſerviceable in the Church, were acted by a rending, dividing Spirit, by which the Enemy of our Happineſs had ſo far obtain'd his End, as to make ſome Diſturbance for a Time; but few, if any, of theſe Separatiſts, have had further Power than to promote and maintain their ſeparate Meetings during their own Lives; ſuch Meetings having, in every Inſtance I have known (except one, and that laſted not long) dropt on the Death of the Founders. And tho' we think it our Duty to teſtify againſt, and diſown all ſuch; yet this Diſowning is only until the Perſons offending, from a real Senſe of, and Sorrow for their Faults, acknowledge and condemn the ſame; then the Arms of Chriſt, and of his Church are open to receive and embrace them: I therefore earneſtly beſought him to conſider the Danger of offending any who love and believe in

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Christ (tho' never so little in their own or other Mens Esteem) for we cannot have true Peace in departing from the pure Love of God, his Truth, and People; to which I added the following Sentences out of the New-Testament.

1. *By this shall all Men know that ye are my Disciples, if ye have Love one to another, John xiii. 35.*——
Don't lose this Mark.

2. *We know that we have passed from Death unto Life, because we love the Brethren. He that loveth not his Brother, abideth in Death, 1 John iii. 14.*

3. *He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is Love,*——iv. 8.

4. *He that dwelleth in Love, dwelleth in God, and God in him,*——16.

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About the latter End of the Fourth Month I was at a Meeting at *Abington*, occasioned by a Burial; and in the Beginning of the Fifth Month, I was at a Marriage in *Philadelphia*; and was soon after on the First Day at two Meetings at *German-town*, where I went to visit a Friend who had not for some Months been at Meeting, being in a disconsolate Condition; I invited her to Meeting, where the Love and Goodness of Christ to the poor in Spirit was largely manifested, and the Friend after Meeting said, she was better, and afterwards recovered, and kept to Meetings. I was frequently at the Week-day Meetings at *Philadelphia*; for I thought that Week not well spent, in which I could not get to Week-day Meetings, if I was in Health.

Merion.

In this Month I was at the Burial of *George Calvert*, who was a one of sober Life, and just Conversation, and being well-beloved by his Neighbours, he left a good Report behind him. Soon after which I was at *Merion* Meeting, which was large and solid: The People were tenderly exhorted, That neither outward Favours, nor spiritual Blessings, might make them grow forgetful of God; but that in the Sense of the

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Increase and Enjoyment thereof, they might be the more humble; and forasmuch as the Christian Church in former Ages was corrupted by temporal Riches and Power, it was intimated, that as we had Favour shewn us from the Government, and Increase of outward Things, we should be very careful not to abuse those Priviledges, by growing proud and wanton, or envious, and quarrellsome; but *To do justly, love Mercy, and walk humbly with God.* 1725.

In this Month I was at *Middletown* in *Bucks County*, at the Burial of my dear and intimate Friend *John Rutledge* (who died very suddenly) at which Burial they were above 1000 People: He was well-beloved among his Neighbours, and was a serviceable Man where he lived: I admired to see such a Number of People upon so short Notice, he dying one Day in the Afternoon, and being buried the Day following: Divers Testimonies were born concerning the wonderful Works and Ways of God. It was a solid bowing Time, wherein many Hearts were broken, and melted into Tendernefs. After Meeting a young Man came to me trembling, and begg'd that I would pray for him, for he had spent too much of his Time in Vanity, and had strong Convictions on him for it, and had been greatly affected and wrought upon that Day: I exhorted him to deny himself, and to take up his Cross, and to follow Christ, who hath said, *He would in no wise cast off those who came to him* [in true Faith.] He went from me very tender and loving, being broken in his Spirit. *Neshaminy.*

From thence I went to *Gwynnedd* (or *North Wales*) where on the first Day of the Week we had a very large Meeting; in the Morning of the Day, a Voice awoke me, which cry'd aloud, saying, **REWARDS AND PUNISHMENTS FOR WELL AND EVIL DOINGS ARE SEALED AS AN ETERNAL DECREE IN HEAVEN,** which confirmed me that Mankind were happy or unhappy in that World which is to come, according to their

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The 29th of the Fifth Month I was at the General-meeting at *German-town*, which was a large and good Meeting; going Home I went to see *Richard Buzby*, who was not well; he said the Company of his Friends revived him. Next Day I went to visit *Jane Breint-nall*, who was seized with the Dead Palsy on one Side, and the Lord was pleased to comfort us together, as she expressed to our mutual Satisfaction.

On the 30th of the said Month was our Quarterly-meeting of Ministers at *Philadelphia*, where humble Walking with God was recommended and pray'd for, and it was desired that Ministers might be exemplary therein, having Christ for their Pattern.

On the 1st of the Sixth Month, I was at our Meeting at *Frankfort*, which was a dull Meeting to me and divers others, a lively Exercise of Spirit being too much wanting among many, and close walking with God in Conversation: If we would really enjoy the Love and Presence of Christ in our religious Meetings, we ought to keep near to him in our daily Conversation, which that we might do, was humbly desired in Supplication and Prayer to God.

The young Man who came to me under great Concern of Mind after the Funeral of *John Rullidge*, wrote to me that he was followed with the Judgments of God for his manifold Transgressions, desiring that I would pray for him. In Answer to his Letter, I wrote him to the following Effect:

Frankfort, 7th of the 6th Month, 1725.

‘ **T**HINE from *Burlington* of the 26th of the 5th Month I received, by which I perceive the Hand of the Almighty hath been upon thee for thy Vanity and Folly; and I desire that thou may be very careful to keep close to that Hand, and do not go from under it, but mind the Light of Christ that hath discovered God to be great and good,

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and his dear Son to be thy Saviour, and Sin and Satan to be evil, which Evil (if thou follows it) will certainly bring thee to Destruction and eternal Woe; but if thou follows Christ, and walks according to that Light by which he hath manifested Sin to be exceeding sinful, in his Time, as thou waits in Patience, he will bring thee through his righteous Judgments unto Victory.

Wait, O wait in Patience upon God, if it be all thy Days! *I will bear the Indignation of the Lord, because I have sinned against him,* said the Prophet Micah. Again, *All the Days of my appointed Time will I wait till my Change comes,* says Job.

Thou art young in Years, and young in Experience in the Work of Grace, wherefore advise with solid, good Men, if thou meets with inward or outward Straits and Difficulties, for the Enemy will not easily let go his Hold which he hath had of thee; therefore walk circumspectly, and shun evil Company. As to praying in a Form of Words (without the Spirit helps, in order to open them according to thy State and Condition) that will not avail: A Sigh or a Groan, through the Help of the Spirit, is much more acceptable to God, than any Forms without it.

That in the Lord's Time thou may'st enjoy the Reward of Peace, is the Desire of thy Friend

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The young Man took this Counsel well, and kept to Meetings, and behaved soberly for a Time, but afterwards ran out, kept bad Company, took to Drinking to Excess, ran himself in Debt, and at length into a Goal, which hath been the unhappy Case of many unstable Youths, who, *When they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful, but became*

became vain in their Imaginations, and their foolish Hearts became darkened.

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In this Month I was at *Bybury* and *Abington* Meetings, in which we were favour'd with the immediate Power and Presence of Christ, to our great Comfort and Edification, the Visitation of divine Love to the Youth having a good Effect on some of them, and the latter Meeting ended with Praise to the Almighty, after Supplications for all Men, from our King on the Throne, to the meanest of his Subjects.

In my Travels I met with a Person who query'd of me, How he should know which Society had most of the holy Spirit, since most of the Professors of Christ do believe in the holy Ghost (or Spirit.)

To whom I made the following Answer, viz.

Let the Rule of Christ determine this Question; he says, *By their Fruits ye shall know them; Do Men gather Grapes of Thorns, or Figs of Thistles?* Mat. vii. 16. The Fruits then of the Spirit of Christ are Love, Faith, Hope, Patience, Humility, Temperance, Godliness, brotherly Kindness and Charity, with all Manner of Virtues. Therefore the Society of Christians, who brings forth most of the Fruits of the holy Spirit, consequently have most of Christ's Grace and Spirit. But some object and say, We will not believe that any Society have the holy Ghost now, or the immediate Revelation or Inspiration of the Spirit, unless they work Miracles. To which it is answered, That right Reformation from Sin, and true Faith in Christ, cannot be wrought without a Miracle, neither can we bring forth the Fruits of the Spirit without the miraculous Power of Christ.—Men by Nature bring forth the Works of Nature, and that which is contrary to Nature is miraculous. Sin is natural, but divine Holiness, or the Righteousness of Christ, wrought in Man, is spiritual, supernatural, and miraculous. And as to natural Men (that are in a State of Nature) seeing outward Miracles, if they will not,

1725. nor do not believe what is written in the holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, neither will they believe, altho' one were to rise from the Dead. Notwithstanding Christ wrought outward Miracles, and did the Works which none other could do; tho' he cured all Manner of Diseases, and fed many Thousands with a few Loaves, and a few small Fishes (and what remained, when all had eaten, was more than there was at first) tho' he raised the Dead, and himself arose from the Dead, yet few, but very few, believed in him, so as truly to follow him. His Birth, his Life, his Doctrines, his Death, his Resurrection, are all miraculous; and since all this was done in the Person of Christ, and at the first Publication of his Religion to Men, there is now no absolute Necessity of outward Miracles, tho' his Power is the same now as ever; but he said to his Disciples, *He that believeth on me, the Work that I do, shall he do also, and greater Works than these shall he do*, John xiv. 12. Upon which W. Dell says, *This must be understood in Relation to Sin; for Christ had no Sin in himself to overcome, but we all have sinned, and to overcome Sin is the greatest of Miracles.*—This will try the notional or nominal Christian, who says, *We can never overcome Sin in this World.*—Where then is our Faith in the Son of God, who for this Purpose was manifested, that he might destroy the Works of the Devil, *John iii. 8. Heb. ii. 14.*

Therefore let not Christians be slow of Heart to believe in the glorious Gospel of Christ; and if we truly believe therein, and live in the Practice of his Doctrine, we shall see Miracles enough to satisfy us for ever.

The 16th of the Sixth Month I was at the Weekly-meeting at *Frankfort*, which, tho' a small Meeting, was sweet, reviving, and comfortable, to some of us; so that we had a sufficient Reward for leaving our Business (it being the Time of our Hay Harvest.)—

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Week-day-meetings are much neglected by many, more is the Pity.—The Apostle's Advice is necessary for many in our Age, even of professed Christians, viz. *Let us consider one another to provoke unto Love and Good Works, not forsaking the assembling yourselves together, as the Manner of some is,*—Heb. x. 24, 25.

The 23d of the Sixth Month, my Cart-wheel, being Iron-bound, ran over me, and my Horse kick'd me on my Head; the Wheel put my Shoulder out, and the Horse wounded my Head, so that the Scull was bare, and my Leg was sorely bruised; the same Day Dr. Owen, and Dr. Graham, with the Help of two of our Neighbours, set my Shoulder, and dressed my Wounds; and the Lord was so merciful to me, that the next Day I was enabled to write this Memorandum of this wonderful Deliverance and speedy Cure, for which, added to the many I have received from his gracious Hand, I have Occasion to be truly thankful: I was obliged to keep at Home some Time, and thought it long, because I could not go to Meetings as usual; but many Friends came to see me, which was a Comfort to me. One Day upwards of thirty Persons came from several Parts of the Country to see how I did, and were glad I was like to recover. The Day before I was so hurt (being the first of the Week) I was at Meeting at *Philadelphia*, and was concern'd to speak of the Uncertainty of Life, and the many Accidents we are incident to in those frail Bodies, and exhorted Friends to live so, that they might have a Conscience serene, and clear of Offence towards God and Man, and then they might expect the Comforts of the holy Ghost, which in such Seasons of Difficulty would be a great Help and Benefit to them, of which I had the sweet Experience the next Day, under great Extremity of Pain; and tho' the Pain of my Body was such that I could not for several Nights take my natural Rest, yet I had

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had Comfort thro' the sweet Influence of the holy Spirit, which Christ promised his Followers, *John* xiv. 26.

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On the 18th of the Seventh Month began our Yearly-meeting at *Philadelphia*, which was large, and our Friends, *John Wanton* and *William Anthony*, from *Rhode-Island*, and *Abigail Bowles*, from *Ireland*, had good Service therein. From this Meeting an Address was sent to King *George* for his royal Favour to us as a Society of People, in giving his Assent to a Law made in this Province for prescribing the Forms of Declaration, Affirmation, &c. instead of the Forms heretofore us'd.

The Beginning of the Eighth Month, being a little recovered from my Hurt, I had a Desire once more to see my Friends on the Eastern Shore of *Maryland*, at their General-meeting at *Choptank*. The first Day I set out, I travelled about thirty Miles, and at Night was very weary, being but weak in Body, and I was almost ready to faint in my Mind about proceeding any further; but next Day *George Robinson* (at whose House I lodged) offering to accompany me, we travelled about forty Miles to *Sassafras River*, and both of us, though much tired, were comforted in each others Company and Conversation: On the next Day we travelled near twenty Miles to the General-meeting in *Cecil County* in *Maryland*, where we met with two Friends from *Rhode-Island*, and two from *Pennsylvania*, who were there on the like Occasion. The Meeting was large and quiet, many People being there not of our Society, and were very sober: The Meeting held several Days, wherein the Gospel-Dispensation was set forth, and the Love of God in Christ was exalted. From *Cecil* we went to *Chester River*, and had a Meeting there, at which the People were exhorted to come to Christ, the eternal Rock, and true Foundation, and to build their Religion on him, against whom the Gates of Hell can never prevail; and they were so much affected, that they did not seem

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seem forward to leave the House after the Meeting was over. From *Chester* River we went to *Tred-Haven*, to the General-meeting of Friends for *Maryland*, which was very large; some Friends from *Pensylvania* and *Virginia* being also there, and many People of other Societies: Many Testimonies were born to the Operation of Christ by his Spirit in the Soul, and Friends were earnestly desired to be diligent in reading the holy Scriptures, and to keep up the Practice of our wholesome Discipline; by the Neglect of which, a Door would be opened to loose living, and undue Liberties. From *Tred-Haven* we travelled into the *Great Forest*, between the Bays of *Chesapeake* and *Delaware*, and had a satisfactory Meeting; as yet there was no publick Meeting-house in this Place, wherefore I told the People of the House, I was obliged to them for the Use of it; but they tenderly answered, they were more obliged to me for my kind visiting of them; and truly we had a solid, good Meeting there: The People being generally Poor, they had but little Notice taken of them by the Money-loving Teachers, who preach for Hire. From the *Forest* I went to *Little Creek*, in the Territories of *Pensylvania*, where was a General-meeting for the Counties of *Newcastle*, *Kent*, and *Suffex*. The Meeting was large, and Friends parted in great Love and Tendernefs. And I went forward to *Duck-Creek*, where we had a Meeting; divers Persons of Note being there, and all were quiet, and heard with Attention. From *Duck-Creek* I went to *George's-Creek*, and had a Meeting; where a Man of a sober Conversation, said, *That he never heard Things so spoken to before; but that he could witness to the Truth of all that was said.* It was a good Meeting before the Conclusion; but I was very low and poor in my Spirit in the Beginning of it. From this Place we set forward to *Newcastle*, where we had a Meeting; it was the Time of the Sitting of the General Assembly, and several Members

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In this Journey I travelled above three hundred Miles, had nineteen Meetings, and was from Home above three Weeks, in which Time I recovered of my Lameness to Admiration; so that I had with Satisfaction to remember the Apostle's Saying, that *All Things work together for Good to them that love God*, Rom. viii. 28. 1725.

After my Return Home, I was at the General-meeting at *Frankfort*; and in the Beginning of the Ninth Month, I was at Meetings at *Abington*, *German-town*, and divers Times at *Philadelphia*, particularly at the Youths-meeting, wherein several Testimonies were born, and the Youth exhorted to Piety and Humility. *Philadel.
phia.*

On the Fifth Day of this Month in the Morning, being under a Consideration of the many sore Exercises and Trials I had met with from my Childhood, I was much affected; but the following Portions of Scripture being brought to my Remembrance, afforded me some Relief, *viz. Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth—And if ye be without Chastisement, ye are Bastards, and not Sons—And in this World ye shall have Trouble, but in me Peace,*—So that I patiently bore my Affliction, and prais'd God under it.

In this Month I was at the Funeral of our worthy antient Friend *Thomas Lightfoot*. He was buried at *Derby*; the Meeting was the largest that I had ever seen at that Place. Our dear Friend was greatly beloved for his Piety and Virtue, his sweet Disposition, and lively Ministry: The Lord was with him in his Life and Death, and with us at his Burial. *Thomas
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After this Burial I was at one at *Abington*; the Meeting was large, and, on that Occasion, several Things suitable to the States of the People were treated on.

I was also about this Time at *German-town*, and at a General-meeting at *Plymouth*, to my great Satisfaction, being accompanied by my antient Friend *Rowland Ellis*; and at the Third-day Meeting in *Philadelphia*, at the Time of our Fall-Fair; there were *German-
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1725. fervent Desires, and Prayers, in several of us, That the Youth might be preserved from the Evils too prevalent at such Times of Liberty and Prophaneness.

About the 20th of the Month I went for *Long-Island*, being drawn in true Love to make a general Visit to Friends there; and likewise having some Business to transact there. On the fifth Day of the Week, *Thomas Masters* and I set out from *Frankfort*, and in the Evening we got to a Friend's House near the Falls of *Delaware*; where we were kindly entertained, and our Horses taken good Care of: To take due Care of Travellers Horses, is a commendable Thing; and more grateful to some Travellers, than to take Care of themselves. From the *Falls of Delaware*, we travelled next Day to *Piscataway*, and lodged at an Inn; and on the next Day we went to *Woodbridge* to *John Kinsey's*, and on First-day we had a satisfactory Meeting there with Friends and others; and the next Day *John Kinsey* went with us to *Long-Island*, and that Night got to *John Rodman's*, and next Day we rested, being weary with travelling so far in the Cold. Our dear Friends in that Island very lovingly, and kindly, received my Visit to them; so that I had Occasion to remember that Saying of the holy Scripture, *As Iron sharpeneth Iron, so doth the Countenance of a Man his Friend!*

The fifth Day of the Week we had a large Meeting at *Flushing*, and another in the Evening at *Obadiah Lawrence's*, which was an open, tender Time.

From *Flushing* we went to *Cow-Neck*, to *Joseph Latham's*, who went with me to *Westbury* Meeting, which (considering the Cold) was much larger than I expected. From *Westbury*, *Nathaniel Simmons*, *Samuel Underbill*, and *Phebe Willet*, went with us to *Bethpage*; where we had a comfortable Evening-meeting at the House of *Thomas Powell*, who went with us next Morning to a Town called *Setawket*; it was as cold a Day's Travel as ever I went thro' in all my Life; the

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Wind was in our Faces, and Northerly; I do not remember (though I had been a Traveller above thirty Years) that ever I endured so much Hardness by Cold in one Day; my Chin and Jaws were much affected with the Frost for several Days; but we had a good Meeting that made up for all. After which we went ten Miles to *Amos Willet's* House, where we had a serviceable Meeting: He invited his Neighbours, who came and received us with Hearts full of Goodwill; and those not of our Society, were well satisfied with the Meeting; so that we went on our Way rejoicing, that we were favoured with the good Presence of God in our Journey. *Amos Willet* and his Wife went with us to *Huntington*, where we had a quiet, peaceable Meeting, and the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ was with and among us, as many can witness that were there. From hence we went to *Samuel Underhill's*, and visited his weak Brother; in which Visit the Lord mightily refreshed us together, and we blessed his holy Name, for *he is good to all them who put their Trust in him*. Next Day we had a large Meeting at *Matinicock*. After this Meeting we went to *Thomas Pearsal's*, and had an Evening-meeting at his House. The next Day, being a snowy, stormy Day, and one of the shortest in the Year, we went, being 18 in Company, to *Cow-Neck*, where we had a good Meeting, and much larger than could be expected. After Meeting we went to *Joseph Latham's*, and had a tender, open Evening-meeting there, in which we were edified, and refreshed, in Christ Jesus. From *Cow-Neck* I went to *Flushing*, had a large Meeting there on the First-day of the Week, and on Second-day we went over the Sound (which divides *Long-Island* from the main Continent) to *Horse-Neck*, and had a Meeting, where I understood there never had been one before; the People were sober and attentive, and some expressed their Satisfaction. That Evening we had a Meeting at an Inn near *Byram River*, where

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1725. divers People came, and were attentive; the Inn-keeper, his Father, Brother, Wife, and several others, took our Visit very kindly; tho' there was one restless Man, who seem'd to be out of Order with Drink before he came into the House, and when we were sitting in Silence, waiting for the Gift of Christ, and worshipping in Spirit, as Christ instituted, he sitting by me, jogged me, and said, *It was Time to begin, for there is as many come as would come to Night*; tho' he was mistaken in that; but he not having Patience to watch and pray, went away; after which we had a good Meeting——These two Meetings were in the Government of *Connecticut*, where they formerly made a Law imposing a Fine of five Pounds on those who should entertain any of our Society, which Law, I was informed, was repealed in *Great-Britain*. From thence we travelled into *New-York* Government, and had a Meeting at *Rye*, and another at *Marrineck*; from whence we travelled to *West-Chester*, and had a Meeting there on a Sixth-day of the Week, intending to go over the Ferry next Day to *Long-Island*; but the Wind being high and boisterous, that we could not get over, we tarried three Nights at the House of *John Stephenson*, where we were lovingly and generously entertained: And on First-day we were again at *West-Chester* Meeting, which ended comfortably, tho' I was in a low State, both of Body and Mind, in the Beginning of it. On Second-day we all got well over the Ferry to *Long-Island*, parting with our Friends at the Ferry in much Love and Good-will. *Joseph Latham* having been my Fellow-Traveller on the Main, I went to his House, and from thence to *Westbury*, to a large Meeting, and next to *Bethpage*, and had a Meeting there, and in the Evening, accompanied by *Samuel Bowne* and *Joseph Latham*, I went to *Jerusalem*, and had a large and satisfactory Meeting: Many of the People of the Town, who were there, came the next Day to our Meeting at *Hempstead*, which

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which was large ; the great Lord of all was good to us that Day, which, I hope, many that were there, will not forget ; and some Convincement was wrought on some that were of Account in the World at these last-mentioned Meetings, particularly one who lived at *Jerusalem*, with Tenderness of Spirit desired my Remembrance, whom I pray God to preserve (with all those who love and fear him, and believe in his Son) to the End.

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From *Hempstead* I went to *Matinicock*, where, on a First-day of the Week, we had a large Meeting, and a solid, good Opportunity it was ; and from thence to *Thomas Townsend's* on the Plains, at whose House we had an Evening-meeting ; next Morning a pretty many Friends from the Plains, went with us to the South Side of the Island, to a Place called *Rockway*, where we had a Meeting at *Hicks's*, the Neighbours coming to it pretty generally ; there was great Openness to receive the Doctrine of Truth in those not of our Society, and they were very kind to us in those Parts : This was the second Meeting I had been at in this Place, *Benjamin Holmes* having the first there, since which they had not been visited by any Friend of the Ministry except myself. From *Rockway* we went to *Foster's Meadow*, where was a large Gathering of People, and Christ filled our Hearts with divine Love. From thence I went to *Peter Titus's*, and had a Meeting at his House, to which came the Neighbours, and were well-affected ; and next Day we had a Meeting in the Meeting-house at *Westbury*, which was very large, and to our Satisfaction. From *Westbury*, in the Evening, we went to visit a young Woman who had been in a despairing Condition for several Years. The Family came together, and we put up our Prayers to the Almighty, in the Name of his dear Son ; it was a good Time to us all ; and the young Woman, and some others, express'd their Satisfaction.

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This Evening we went to see another young Woman who was in a deep Consumption, but in a very comfortable State of Mind; having a great Desire to see me before she died, she sent for me to come to her, and her Desire was answered, her Spirit being revived with a fresh Visitation of the Love of Jesus Christ, the holy Physician of Value, and our Supplications were, that the Lord would be pleased to be with her, and support her to the End, and grant her an easy Passage from this Life to his glorious Kingdom, when it should please him to remove her; which Prayer we have Cause to hope was answered.

Though the Days were short, we rode about fifteen Miles, and made those two Visits, after that great Meeting at *Westbury*, and the Season was exceeding cold; but our great and good Master supported us, and was with us in our Exercises and Service for his Name and Truth's Sake. I lodged this Night at *Joseph Rodman's*, and was next Day at *Flushing* Week-day-meeting, which was very large and satisfactory, and had a Meeting the same Evening at *Samuel Bowne's*, and the next Day went to *New-York*, and had a quiet, good Meeting in the Evening at *Samuel Harrison's*, and on the Morrow had an Evening-meeting at a Place call'd the *Kills*, at the House of *Richard Hallet*, and the next Day, being First-day, had a large Meeting at *New-town*, to the Edification of Friends and other sober People.

It being now generally known that I was on the Island, the People flock'd to Meetings, tho' the Weather was extream cold, for the Lord manifested himself in the Riches of his Love unto us in our Meetings, for the Worship of his holy Name. The next Meeting was at *James Jackson's*, at *Rocky-hill*, where was Judge *Hicks*, the High Sheriff, and a Justice of Peace, with several other Persons of Note, with whom and our Friends, we had a good Time to set forth the Work of Grace and Reformation (as I think) to general Satisfaction,

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Satisfaction, for which we blessed the holy Name of God; and humble Prayer was put up to him for all Men, and particularly for our King *George*, as also for all in Authority under him, and that they might be a Terror to Evil-doers, and the Praise of them that do well. The next Meeting we had was at *Jamaica*, *Jamaica*, which was also large, and several in Authority were there, and were very loving and respectful after Meeting. The next First-day we had a large Meeting at the Meeting-house at *Cow-Neck*, which was somewhat crowded. I was right glad (though my Exercises were very great) that there was such Openness and Room in People's Hearts to receive the Doctrine which I had to declare unto them, in the Name and Power of Christ; afterwards we had an Evening-meeting with the Widow *Titus*, to which divers *Dutch* People came, and were very attentive and sober. On the third of the Week we had a Meeting near the Place called *Hell-Gate*, *Hell Gate*, (a narrow Passage in the great Sound or Bay, between *Long-Island* and the Main Land) several Justices and their Wives were at this Meeting, one of which had disowned his Son, and turned him out of Doors for coming among us; but beholding his Son's sober Conversation, grew more moderate, and after Meeting he and his Wife invited us to dine with them, but we were engaged to visit the Widow *Stevens* that Evening, at whose House we had a Meeting. Going thither, it being very cold and stormy, my Hands were touched with the Frost, and perceiving it when I came to the Fire, I called for a Basin of *cold Water*, which soon cured them: I note this that others may reap Benefit thereby. Next Day we went to the Week-day-meeting at *New-town*, and on the Fifth-day at *Flushing* Meeting, which was large, and to Edification, and in the Evening had a Meeting at our ancient Friend *Hugh Coppertbwait's*, which was acceptable to him (as himself expressed when it was ended) and to us also. Next Day we had a very large Evening-meeting

1725. at *Thomas Pearfall's*, and likewise a large, good Meeting the Day after (being First-day) at *Matinicock*, wherein the Kingdom of Christ was exalted, and the deformed State of Sin and Iniquity represented, and the Example and Doctrine of Christ closely recommended, in order to the overcoming Sin, this being not only possible, but the Duty of Christians thro' the Power of Christ, and true Faith in his holy Name; and the Danger of believing, that it is impossible to overcome Sin, was opened to them, and that such a Belief is contrary to, and against Christ and his Doctrine, and darkens and blinds the Hearts of Men; but the Love of Christ enlightens the Soul, and strengthens it to believe, that all Things are possible with God, for this great Work cannot be done in the Will, Wit, and Power of Man, but thro' the Power and Grace of Christ, which he promised to true Believers in him. I was faint after this Meeting, but resting a little I soon grew better, so that we had an Evening-meeting at *James Cock's*, where one came and told us, *we must not eat any Flesh*, and produced *Thomas Tryon's Works* for his Proof; but I took the Bible, and shewed him a Proof to the contrary, and told him, we were resolved to believe our Book before his, and shewed him from the Apostle, that the Kingdom of God is not Meat and Drink, nor divers Washings, but Righteousness, Peace, and Joy in the holy Ghost, *Romans xiv. 17.* Though at the same Time, according to the Doctrine of Christ and his Apostles, I was for Temperance in Meats and Drinks, as well as Moderation in Apparel. The next Day we had a very large Meeting at *Oyster-Bay*, many being there, who were not of our Society, who steadily gave Attention to what was declared: Here being many young People, they were persuaded to give up their blooming Years to do the Will of God, and to remember him their Creator, in their youthful Days: Friends said, there had not been such a Meeting there a great while, for which

which Opportunity I was humbly thankful to the Lord. 1725. After Meeting we went to *Samuel Underbill's*, and had an Evening-meeting with his Brother, who, through Sickness and Lameness, could not get out for a long Time. Next Day, *Samuel Bowne* being with me, we went to visit a young Woman that was weak in Body, but lay in a comfortable Frame of Mind; she was thankful for our Visit, and said the Visits of her Friends were comfortable to her. Next Day, being the Fourth-day of the Week, we had a Meeting at the Widow *Taylor's*, who desired it on Account of her Father, who was in the 88th Year of his Age, and so infirm, that he could not get to Meetings; he was very clear in his Understanding and Memory, and was much refreshed with this Meeting, as were divers of us also. Next Day we had a Meeting at *Flushing*, which was large and open, and the Grace and Power of Christ was with us in the Ministration of the Gospel. After this Meeting, we had an Evening-meeting with our antient Friend *Joseph Thorne*, who by Reason of his Age and Infirmary, could not go abroad as far as to the Meeting: The House was crowded with his Neighbours and Friends, and we had a solid, good Time together. While at *Flushing* I went to visit a young Woman who was a most dismal Spectacle to behold, an Object of great Pity: Her Face, Hand and Foot being much eaten away by the King's Evil; our Prayers were, that now in her great Misery, the Almighty would be pleased to support her Soul by his Grace and Spirit, and sanctify her Afflictions to her, that it might work for her a more exceeding Weight of Glory in that World which is to come. The next First-day we had a large Meeting at *Flushing*, where many weighty Truths were opened to the Satisfaction and Edification of the Auditory, and in the Evening we had a Meeting with the Wife of *Matthew Farrington*, who was too weakly to go abroad; the Neighbours came in, and we had a seasonable

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‘ Epistle, well knowing also that many of us are
 ‘ as Epistles writ in one anothers Hearts by the hea-
 ‘ venly Finger of the most High ; and those Charac-
 ‘ ters of divine Love so written will not easily be erased;
 ‘ I could willingly have been at your Quarterly-
 ‘ meeting, but that I had been so long from my
 ‘ Family, that I was much wanted therein, and my
 ‘ coming Home was seasonable and acceptable, both
 ‘ to them and my Friends ; and I humbly thank the
 ‘ Lord, I found all well. Now that which is on my
 ‘ Mind to your Quarterly-meeting, is after this Man-
 ‘ ner, concerning the Government of the Church of
 ‘ Christ, of which Church He is the holy Head and
 ‘ Lawgiver : Wherefore we are to seek and wait for
 ‘ Counsel and Wisdom from him, in all our Monthly
 ‘ and Quarterly-meetings, for the well-ordering of
 ‘ our little Society, which is growing and increasing
 ‘ in the Earth, and also in your Island (notwithstand-
 ‘ ing the invidious Attempts of some Men of corrupt
 ‘ Minds) and it will grow and increase more and more,
 ‘ as we keep our Places, our heavenly Places in Christ
 ‘ Jesus.

‘ *Dear Friends*, the good Order of Truth and Go-
 ‘ vernment of Christ in his Church, is a great Help
 ‘ to us and our Children, when carried on in Christ’s
 ‘ Spirit [pray observe or mind that] for if our Order,
 ‘ and Church-Government, be carried on in the Spirit
 ‘ of Man (as he is meer Man) though he is never so
 ‘ crafty or cunning, it will do more Hurt than Good
 ‘ in the Church of Christ. Christ’s Spirit must go-
 ‘ vern Christ’s Church ; and when, and where that
 ‘ is over all, then, and there, Christ’s Church and
 ‘ Kingdom is exalted, of whose Kingdom and Peace
 ‘ there will be no End ; and happy will all those be,
 ‘ whose End is in it. *Moses*, that Man of God, go-
 ‘ verned in the *Jewish* Church in the Spirit of God, and
 ‘ when he found the Work too heavy for him, the
 ‘ Lord put his Spirit on Seventy more, who were
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‘ Help-meets in the Government ; so that it was 1725.
 ‘ God’s Spirit that governed ; and while that ruled
 ‘ them, all was well ; but when they went from that,
 ‘ they fell into Error and Disobedience ; and at length
 ‘ the *Messiah* came, and he governed his own little
 ‘ Flock himself ; and when he ascended up on high,
 ‘ he promised his Spirit should be with, and in his
 ‘ Church for ever, and be their holy Guide into all
 ‘ Truth, in which he would also comfort them : And
 ‘ Christ fulfilled this his Promise ; for when his Dis-
 ‘ ciples waited at *Jerusalem* to be endued with Power
 ‘ from on high, according to the Advice of their
 ‘ Lord, they were filled with the Gift and Grace of the
 ‘ holy Spirit : And when the Brethren and Elders met
 ‘ together about the Affairs and Government of the
 ‘ Church, they gave forth Rules and Orders from that
 ‘ General-meeting to the particular Ones ; and the
 ‘ holy Ghost presided amongst them, which they
 ‘ signified to the other Meetings, saying, *It seemed*
 ‘ *good to the holy Ghost, and to us, to put you in Mind*
 ‘ *of such and such Things.* And while this holy Ghost,
 ‘ or Spirit, governed in the primitive Christian
 ‘ Church, all was well ; God and Christ was glorified,
 ‘ and his Church and People edified ; but by going
 ‘ from that, the Apostacy came in.

‘ Wherefore, *dear Friends*, keep close to the Spirit,
 ‘ Power, Light, and divine Life, of Christ Jesus, in
 ‘ your Monthly and Quarterly-meetings for the Go-
 ‘ vernment of the Church, as well as in your Meetings
 ‘ for the Worship of the Almighty ; for if we go
 ‘ from that, he will go from us.

‘ And, *dear Friends*, the Testimony of Jesus, in
 ‘ the Spirit of Prophecy, opens in me after this Man-
 ‘ ner, That if our Society keep and live up to the
 ‘ Spirit and Truth of Christ, which hath been mani-
 ‘ fested to our Fore-fathers, and to us also in this Age,
 ‘ the great Lord of all will prosper his Work in our
 ‘ Hands,

1725. *W* Hands, and bless both us and our Children, as we
and they keep therein.

And as we have kept close to this our heavenly
Guide, how hath the Lord sweetly manifested his
Love and Power to us in our Meetings for the well-
ordering of our Society? Which many Times hath
filled our Hearts with pure Praises, and holy
Thanksgiving, to the high and lofty One, who in-
habits Eternity, and dwells in the highest Heavens,
and is Light for ever: To whom, with the Lamb
of God, who takes away the Sins of the World, I re-
commend you, my dear and well-beloved Friends,
Brethren, and Sisters in Christ, with my own Soul.

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P. S. Since my Return, I have been thankful to
God for the many favourable Visitations and good
Opportunities he was pleased to grant me with you,
and divers sober People on your Island, in which
there is an open Door among many to receive the
Testimony of Truth. I commend your Nobility in
building good Houses, and making Room for your
sober Neighbours to sit with you in your Meetings;
this is of good Report concerning you, both far and
near, and if I apprehend right, there is more
Work of that Kind for you to do. I thought often,
when among you, and now also, That there would
be a large Gathering, if there were a House built at
the Upper-end of the great Plains, not far from
Foster's Meadow; but every one may not think or
see alike; tho' I know some solid Friends among
you, thought the same with me, about the Prospect
of a large Gathering there-away, if a House were
built; to which Friends, and well-inclined People,
might come from Hempstead, Rocky-hill, Rockway,
Foster's Meadow, &c.

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After my Service on *Long-Island*, I had great Sweetness upon my Spirit for some Time, which sometimes caused my Heart to sing for Joy; and yet I rejoiced in a trembling Frame of Spirit, and had the true Sense of what is written in the holy Scriptures, where it is said, *Serve the Lord with Fear* (I take it, Filial Fear) *and rejoice with Trembling, for fear of losing that precious Sense of the Love of God, which is in Christ.* 1725.

On the 20th of the Twelfth Month (the First-day of the Week) I was at *Abington* Meeting, in which the Love of Christ was manifested to us, in the Opening of his Saying, *If I be lifted up, I will draw all Men unto me*, John xii. 32. The next Day I was at *German-town*, at the Burial of a Son of *Dennis Cunrad*, at which also was our Friend *Abigail Bowles*. On the Sixth-day following, I went to the General-meeting of Ministers and Elders at *Burlington*, where I again met with our said Friend and divers others: The First-day-meeting was large; and on Second-day was the Quarterly-meeting for the County; and on Third-day was their Youths-meeting, which was large, and many weighty Truths were delivered in that Meeting. On Fourth-day we were at a Meeting at *Springfield*; the House was pretty much thronged, and Friends were exhorted, thankfully to commemorate the Mercies and Favours of the Almighty to them, and desired to enlarge their Meeting-houses as their Number increased; for in those Parts there was such an Openness in the Hearts of the People, and Increase of their Number, that Friends had already agreed on building two Meeting-houses between *Croswicks* and *Burlington*; their Zeal and Unanimity therein, was worthy of Commendation. Fifth-day being the Week-day-meeting at *Burlington*, Friends of the Town desired I would stay at it; I thought we had just before had divers good Opportunities, and my own Inclinations seemed to lead to my Family; but Friends

1725. Friends being desirous of my staying, I did so, and we had a good, solid Meeting. After Meeting a solid good Friend said, *He thought we had the best Wine at last*; and indeed the Love of God, through Christ, is so sweet to his People, that the last often seems the best, when it is only a renewed Visitation of the same Love to his Children. So I went home rejoicing that I was in some good Measure accounted worthy to serve so good, and so gracious a Master.

On the 6th Day of the First Month (being the First of the Week) I was at the Morning and Afternoon Meetings in *Philadelphia*, wherein those who call themselves *Free-thinkers*, were exhorted to be careful of drinking too freely, lest they might justly be called *Free-drinkers*; for many Times such, when they drink too freely of strong Liquor, think and speak too freely their own corrupt Notions, to the Dishonour of God, and to the Scandal of Religion in general.

Jerseys.

Soon after I was at the First-day Meetings at *Philadelphia*; and in this Month I went into the *Jerseys*, and was at three large Meetings in Company with *Abigail Bowles*, in which our said Friend had good Service, to the Comfort of Friends, convincing of Gainsayers, and confirming the Weak, and the People were glad of our Visit.

The 15th Day of this Month I was at *Burlington* at the Burial of my good Friend and old Acquaintance *Abraham Bickley*, at whose Funeral were great Numbers of People, he being well-beloved of his Neighbours; Christ's raising *Lazarus* out of the Grave, and his Tenderness and Weeping there was spoken of, in order to stir People up to a tender, religious Exercise of Mind, which is too much wanting among many of the Professors of his holy Name, who have too little Sense of that which should bring true Tenderness over their Minds, being more in Earth than Heaven; so that they are dry and barren, as to the Things of God.

God. The Meeting ended (to Satisfaction) with Sup-
 plications to the Almighty. 1725.

A few Days after, I was at our General Spring-
 meeting in *Philadelphia*, which was large; where our
 Friends *Robert Jordan* and *Abigail Bowles* had good
 Service.

This Week I was at four very large Meetings at
Philadelphia, *Frankfort*, and *Abington*, much to my
 Satisfaction, tho' I had no vocal Service therein; yet
 my Heart was broken into Tenderness and Tears, un-
 der the Ministry of several weighty, solid Testimonies,
 that were born by good and living Ministers, quali-
 fied to preach the Gospel in the Demonstration of the
 Spirit, and with Power.

The 26th of the First Month 1726, I went to *Ger-
 man-town* Meeting, which was large, and I was opened
 therein to speak of the Vision of the Prophet *Ezekiel*,
 of the holy Waters which proceeded from under the
 Threshold of the Sanctuary, which the Angel mea-
 suring, they grew deeper and deeper, until they be-
 came a River to swim in, *Ezek. xlvii. 5*. Which mysti-
 cally sheweth the Work of Grace, Conversion, and Re-
 generation; and that these holy Waters the Soul must
 drink of, and be washed, and baptized in, are spiritual
 and supernatural, and therefore not to be measured by
 the Spirit and Will of Man, in his natural State, ac-
 cording to the Prophet *Isaiab*, Chap. xxxiii. 21. Man,
 before he can swim therein, must be stript of all his
 Self-righteousness, and artificial Religion, though as
 splendid and beautiful as a gallant Ship, or Galley
 with Oars, which in this Respect is agreeable to the
 State of Men swimming in elementary Water, where
 the most skilful have sometimes lost their Lives, for
 want of being naked or unclothed; and those who
 had not yet attain'd much Experience, were advis'd
 not go out of their Depth, but to wait in Patience
 and Humility, to enjoy the medicinal Virtue of the
 Trees growing by the Side of this River, whose Fruit
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1726. is for Meat, and Leaves for Medicine, *Ezek. xlvii. 12.*
 The People of this Meeting were generally *Germans*, several of whom stay'd in the House after the Meeting was over, and were broken into Tenderness, in a Sense of the Presence and Love of God unto us, for which I was also humbly thankful and bowed in Spirit.

I was at the Third-day Weekly-meeting in *Philadel-phia*, which was but small, considering the large Number of those professing to be of our Society in this City; those present were closely and tenderly exhorted to be zealous for good Works, and against bad Works; not respecting the Person of any Man; the Abominations committed by some under our Profession, in this City and Province, calling for Humiliation; and as the Promise of God's Favour was to those who mourn'd with Sighs and Cries for the Abominations among his People formerly, *Ezek. ix. 4, 6.* so now, as many as are under the same Concern, may hope for Preservation and Salvation, if he should in like Manner visit us, as at this Time he doth some of our Neighbours; there being a great Sickness and Mortality in some of the adjacent Places.

In the Second Month I visited the Meetings of Friends at *Haverford, Newtown, Radnor, and Merion*, which Meetings consist chiefly of antient *Britons*, who are a religious, industrious, and increasing People; among whom my Service was (as they expressed) to our mutual Satisfaction. After my Return Home, I went to visit Friends at the Falls of *Delaware*, and was at a large Meeting in their new Meeting-house. After a satisfactory Meeting at *Frankfort*, on the Fifth-day of the same Week, I went with *Ennon Williams* to his Son's Marriage; and the next Day he, and several other Friends, accompanied me to *Woodberry-Creek*, and had a good, open Meeting, and that Night went to *James Lord's*, and next Morning went towards *Salem*, and lodged at *Isaac Sharp's*; where I was informed of a great Mortality at *Cobansy*. The

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24th of the Second Month was the General-meeting at *Salem*, which was a large Gathering of People of different Perswasions, from many Parts of the Country, where the Doctrine of the Gospel was preached in great Love to the People, which they heard with solid Attention. From *Salem* I went to *Alloway's Creek* and *Cobansy*, and had Meetings there: I was informed that more than Seventy Persons had lately died here of a malignant Distemper, tho' it seem'd to abate, none dying while we were there. At *Cobansy* the Meeting was large and solid, tho' but few of our Society there; and they were earnestly admonished to a proper Disposition of Mind, to fit them either for Life or Death, and reminded of the Regard of the Almighty to such as live in his Fear, who will have Peace in their Death, and their Exchange will be glorious, when they are taken out of this Life; but with the Wicked it is not so.

From *Cobansy* I went through the Wilderness over *Maurice's River*, accompanied by *James Daniel*, thro' a miry, boggy Way, in which we saw no House for about forty Miles, except at a Ferry, and that Night we got to *Richard Townsend's*, of *Cape-May*, where we were kindly received; next Day we had a Meeting at *Rebecca Garrison's*, and the Day after a pretty large one at *Richard Townsend's*, and then went down to the Cape, and had a Meeting at *John Page's*, and next Day another at *Aaron Leaming's*; several expressed their Satisfaction with those Meetings. I lodged two Nights at *Jacob Spicer's* (my Wife's Brother.)

From *Cape May* we travelled along the Sea-Coast to *Great-Egg-Harbour*, had another Meeting, much larger than the first, at *Rebecca Garrison's*, and here I was much concerned to promote the settling a Monthly-meeting, for the well-ordering the Affairs of our Society.

We swam our Creatures over *Egg-Harbour River*, and went over ourselves in Cannoes, and afterwards we

1726. we had a Meeting at *Richard Summers's*, which was as large as could be expected, considering the Peoples living at a Distance from each other.

The next Meeting we had at *John Scull's*; and on First-day we had a large one at *Peter White's*, and on Second-day at *Japhet Leed's*, and then we went five Miles through a Marsh to *Little-Egg-Harbour* River, and had a Meeting in their Meeting-house on the Fourth Day of the Week, and 11th Day of the Month, which was the larger by the Addition of the Owners, Masters, and Mariners, of two Sloops from *New-York*, who, hearing of the Meeting, came to it. And the next Day we had another Meeting at the same Place, and lodged at *Jarvis Faro's*. After these two Meetings I left *Egg-Harbour*, accompanied by several Friends from thence, and travelled about forty Miles, before we came to any House. In the Evening we reached a Friend's House, where we were kindly

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entertained, and next Morning we got to *Burlington*, and so Home, where I found all well, and was therefore thankful to the Almighty.——In this Journey I travelled about three hundred Miles, had 21 Meetings, and was from Home about three Weeks.

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phia, &c:*

In the Third Month I stay'd at and about Home, visiting the Meetings at *Philadelphia*, *German-town*, *Abington*, and *Frankfort*.

In the Fourth Month I left my Family, and went back in the Woods as far as *Oley*. I was from Home nine Days, travelled about one hundred and fifty Miles, and had six Meetings at *Oley*, *Perkiomen*, and divers other Places, chiefly in Barns and open Places, there being large Companies of People, and few Meeting-houses yet built in those Parts of the Country. In this Journey I suffered pretty much thro' the Heat.—The first Meeting was at the Iron-works settled a little beyond a Place called *Mount Misery*; I was concerned for those People, having heard of their rude Doings before I left my Habitation; and altho' some were

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rude, others behaved themselves soberly, and expressed their Thankfulness for that Visitation, as I do for the Opportunity I had of clearing myself to them. On my Return homewards I cross'd *Schuykill*, and went to *Samuel Nutt's* Iron-works, where I had a large, quiet, solid Meeting: And the next Day I called to see my old Friend *David Meredith*, who being about 89 Years of Age, I thought it probable I might not have another Opportunity of seeing him. He met me with Gladness, and told me, *It was their Meeting-day*; so that I stay'd, and was much comforted and tendered by the Power of Christ; after which I came Home that Night.

On the next First-day, after my Return, I went to *Philadelphia*, and, after the Afternoon-meeting, to *Derby*, and from thence to a Yearly-meeting in *Chester* County, held at *Goshen*; tho' the Season was wet, this was a large, good Meeting; at which there were three young Men, who were lately called to the Work of the Ministry, whom I was glad to hear declare the Truth in the Power and Simplicity of the Gospel of Christ, being of the Mind of *Moses*, when he said, in Answer to *Joshua*, *Would God that all the Lord's People were Prophets, and that the Lord would put of his Spirit upon them*, Numb. xi. 29. After this Meeting I went to *Springfield*, and the next Day returned Home.

On the 22d of the Fourth Month I went to the Marriage of *John Leigh's* Daughter at *Springfield*, in *Chester* County: The Meeting was large, and I was concerned to speak mostly to the young People, advising them to seek the Lord in that great Affair of Marriage, that they be careful how and on whom they set their Affections, and not to draw out one another's Minds if they did not intend an honourable Marriage; and reminding them of the ill Tendency of courting several at a Time, or suffering several to court at once; and that they be chaste and true in their Proceedings, duly regarding the Advice of the Apostle, *Be not un-*
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1726. *equally yoked*; for to be sure all such Marriages are unequal, when those who marry are of different Principles in Religion. The Meeting ended with tender Supplication for Preservation through whatever Exercises, further Troubles or Trials, Temptations or Afflictions, we might meet with in the World, that we might end well at last, and live for ever to praise and glorify God and the Lamb, who, through the holy, eternal Spirit, is worthy for ever.

An Account of
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On the Receipt of the last Letter from my dear Father, which I some Time since mentioned, I was apprehensive it might be his last, which it proved to be; for the next Letter from my dear Brother gave me Intelligence of his Death, which I received the 25th of the Fourth Month this Year. The News of my dear Father's Decease took such hold of my Mind (tho' I daily expected it) that for some Time I was hardly sociable.—Oh how have I been sometimes comforted in his loving and tender Epistles! At the Receipt of which I have cryed to the Lord, that if it pleased him, I might have a double Portion of the Spirit which he gave to my Father: But Oh! Now I must never hear more from him in this World; yet in this I have some inward Comfort, that I hope we shall meet where we shall never part more.—Here follows a Part of my affectionate Brother's Account of my Father's Death and Burial.

Edmonton, 25th of the 1st Month, 1726.

Dear Brother,

THIS comes with the sorrowful Account of our dear Father's Decease, who departed this Life the 7th Inst. after having been indisposed about a Fortnight.—I have herewith sent a particular Account of some remarkable Passages, and his last Expressions in his Sickness; that Part relating to his Convincement,

Convincement, he desired should be committed to Writing, which I have done, and sent it to thee. 1726:

I was with him several Times in his last Illness, and most of the two last Days of his Life, as thou mayst perceive by the Contents.—Our worthy Father was honourably buried on the 11th Inst. being carried from his own House to the Meeting-house at *Horsley-down*, accompanied with his Relations, where was a large Meeting of many People, as many as the Meeting-house could well contain, and many Testimonies were there born to the innocent, exemplary Life, Integrity and honest Zeal of our dear Father, so concurrent and unanimous, that I have hardly known any such Occasion more remarkable: He was accompanied from thence to the Grave very solemnly, and there in like Manner interred, where a further Testimony was given to his honest Life and Conversion, and lively Zeal for the holy Truth, whereof he made Profession.

Dear Brother, though it be a sorrowful Occasion of Writing, yet herein we may be comforted, in Consideration that our Father went to his Grave in Peace in a good old Age: He had his Understanding and Memory to the last in a wonderful Manner. I believe (as I have sometimes said) that he embraced Death as joyfully as ever he did any happy Accident of his Life: I remember one Passage of his chearful Resignation: Finding him fine and cheary when I came to see him, a Week before his Decease, and he shewing me how well he could walk about the Room, and would have went out of it, though he was very bad the Day before, so that I said, Father, I hope thou wilt get over this Illness; but he answered me pretty quick and loud, *No, but I don't though*: 'Tis not long since he was at my House, and was chearful and well, but spoke as if he thought it would be the last Time.—My Wife said, Father, thou mayst live some Years; but he replied, *Is it not better for me to*
N 2 *die,*

1726. *die, and go to Christ? So, dear Brother, with dear Love to thee, my Sister, and thy dear Children, and our Relations, I conclude with earnest Desires for thy Health and Welfare.*

Thy affectionate Brother,

GEO. CHALKLEY.

My Brother's Account of my Father's Convincement, and of his last Sickness and dying Words.

An Account of my Father's Convincement, &c.

My Father was born of religious Parents at *Kemp-ton*, near *Hitching*, in *Hertfordshire*, the 1st of the Ninth Month 1642; his Father's Name was *Thomas Chalkley*, by Trade a Dealer in Meal, by Profession of the Church of *England*, and zealous in his Way, as was also his Wife.

They had four Sons and three Daughters, *Thomas, John, George, and Robert; Elizabeth, Sarah, and Mary.* My Father (being the third Son) was convinced very young at a Meeting by *Enfield Chace-side*, near *Winchmore-Hill*, through the powerful Ministry of *William Brend*, who was an eminent Minister in the Lord's Hand in that Day, and had been a great Sufferer for his Testimony in *New-England*. He was preaching, as I heard my Father several Times say, upon the Words of the Preacher, *Eccles. xi. 9. Rejoice, O young Man, in thy Youth, and let thy Heart cheer thee in the Days of thy Youth, and walk in the Ways of thy Heart, and in the Sight of thine Eyes; but know thou, that for all these Things God will bring thee into Judgment.* Upon which Subject he spoke so home to my Father's State and Condition, that he was convinced, and two others of his Companions were reached and affected with the Testimony of Christ's Truth and Gospel; my Father and two young Men had been walking in the Fields, having religious Conversation together.

‘ together, and were providentially directed to the Meeting, by observing some Friends going to it, whom they followed thither : One of his Companions was *Samuel Hodges*, who lived and died a faithful Friend, at whose House in succeeding Times a Meeting was settled, and is there continued, and a Meeting-house built at this Day at *Mims* in *Hertfordshire*. 1726.

‘ My Father was the first of the Family who received the Testimony of Truth as it is in Jesus, after which his Father and Mother were convinced, and all his Brothers and Sisters, who lived and died honest Friends, except one who died young, continuing in the Church of *England* Perswasion. Soon after the Convincement of my Father and his two Companions aforesaid, they met with a Trial of their Faith and Patience ; for being taken at a religious Meeting of Friends, they were all three committed to the New-Prison in *White Chappel*, where having continued Prisoners for some Time, the Magistrates observing their Christian Courage, Boldness and Innocency, and being touch’d with Tenderness towards them, considering their Youth, they discharged them.

‘ My Father, about the 25th Year of his Age, married my Mother (a virtuous young Woman) who was the Widow of *Nathaniel Harding*, a Friend, who died under the Sentence of Banishment for his Profession of Christ ; the above Account I had from my Father’s own Mouth ; what follows fell within my own Observation.

‘ My dear Father met with great Exercises and Disappointments in his early Days ; he, dealing in his Father’s Business, sold Meal to some who broke in his Debt, which brought him low in the World, in which low Estate he was an eminent Example of Patience, Resignation and Industry, labouring with his Hands for the Support of his Family, and conscientiously answered all his Engagements ; so that it may be justly said of him, he was careful that he

1726. *might owe nothing to any Man but Love*; and farther, he was very constant in keeping to Meetings, being a good Example therein, though in very hot Times of Persecution; for when Friends were sorely and severely persecuted on Account of keeping their religious Meetings, and the Prisons filled with them through the Nation, and their Goods taken away, and much Spoil and Havock made about the Years 1680 to 1684, my Father constantly attended Meetings, and never missed, as I remember, when well; and though he was sometimes concerned to speak by Way of Exhortation to Friends in their publick Meetings, when they were kept out of their Meeting-houses (by the then Powers) to stand faithful to the Truth, and testifying of the solid Comfort and Satisfaction those had who truly waited on the Lord, which the Faithful enjoy'd, notwithstanding their deep and many Sufferings for Christ's Sake, and his Gospel, it pleased the Lord to preserve him by his divine Providence, that he did not suffer Imprisonment, though the wicked Informers were very busy in that Time of severe Persecution. I may farther add, that when my Father was about 60 Years of Age, he had a Concern to visit Friends Meetings in the North of *England*, and some other Parts of the Nation; and in the 75th Year of his Age, he travelled to *Chester*, and from thence (in Company with *James Bates*, a publick Friend, of *Virginia*) went over for *Ireland*; in all which Services he had good Satisfaction, and was well received of Friends; divers other Journeys and Travels he performed not here noted; but this Journey into another Nation at 75 Years of Age, shews his Age had not quenched his Love and Zeal for his Lord's Work and Service.

In our Father's Old Age he was attended with very great Exercises: About the 77th Year of his Age, as he was assisting his Men in the Dusk of the Evening, he missed his Footing, and fell down and

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' broke his Leg ; and soon after his Leg was well, 1726.
 ' he met with another Accident by a Fall, which dis-
 ' abled him, and made him lame to his Death, never
 ' recovering the Hurt he had by that Fall, which was
 ' after this Manner ; he was sitting in a Chair by his
 ' Door on a Plank, which not being set fast, it fell,
 ' and he, to save himself from the Stroke of the Plank,
 ' fell with his Hip on the Stones, and got hurt ex-
 ' ceedingly, notwithstanding he was remarkable for
 ' his Activity ; he would walk (tho' so aged, and also
 ' lame) as far as the *Work-house*, *Devonshire-house*,
 ' and *Bull* and *Mouth* Meetings [two or three Miles
 ' from Home.] The last bad Accident that befel him
 ' was about three Weeks before his Death, when,
 ' being walking in the Timber-yard, a single Plank,
 ' which stood against a Pile, fell down, and striking
 ' him on the Side, threw him down ; he complained
 ' not much of the Blow till about a Week after, when
 ' he was taken with a violent Pain in his Side, on the
 ' very Place where he received the Stroke, and,
 ' when his Cough took him (with which he was often
 ' troubled) the Pain was very great ; howbeit, thro'
 ' Means of a Sear-cloth he received some Ease, and
 ' the Pain of his Side abated, and the Cough went off ;
 ' but a violent Flux followed, and it brought him very
 ' low, and extream weak ; so that it was thought he
 ' could not continue long ; upon which, Notice was sent
 ' to me, and I went to see him, and found him very
 ' low ; but he revived, and changed often in this last
 ' Illness ; I having been to see him five or six Days be-
 ' fore, having an Account he was ill, I then found him
 ' chearful, and thought he might recover. He con-
 ' tinued all the Time of his Illness in a patient and re-
 ' signed Frame of Mind ; on a First-day, in the Af-
 ' ternoon, he took his Bed, being the 6th of the First
 ' Month, and in the Evening, after the Afternoon-meet-
 ' ing (which was the Day before his Death) several
 ' Friends came to visit him, who, finding him very
 ' weak,

1726. *weak, after a little Stay, went to take their Leave of him, whom he desired to sit down, and after some Time of Silence, he broke forth in Declaration in an intelligible and lively Manner, to this Effect, saying; We have no continuing City here, but seek one to come, which hath Foundations, whose Builder and Maker is God: Friends, that we may all labour to be prepared for our last and great Change, that when this earthly Tabernacle shall be dissolved, we may have an Habitation with the Lord, a Building not made with Hands, eternal in the Heavens, and that it might be thus, the Lord hath shewed thee, O Man, what is good, viz. To do justly, love Mercy, and walk humbly with thy God. I do not expect but this will be the last Night I shall have in this World, and I desire it may be remembered, as the Words of a dying Man (which came to pass, for he died the next Day) O that we may labour to be clothed upon with our House that is from Heaven, so that when the finishing Hour comes, we may have nothing to do, but to die. About one or two a Clock the next Morning, he began to change, and desired to see me; I came to him, and found him very sensible, but expected his End quickly to approach; he saying, he was waiting for his Change. My Son-in-law, Samuel Thornton, being with me, and we sitting by the Bed-side, with his Nurse, his House-keeper, and his Man, about the fourth Hour in the Morning he prayed fervently after this Manner: Lord, now lettest thou thy Servant depart in Peace, for mine Eyes have seen thy Salvation, which thou hast prepared before the Face of all People (thou hast given thy Son) a Light to enlighten the Gentiles, and to be the Glory of thy People Israel; and now, Lord, be with thy People and Servants, and preserve my near and dear Relations, and keep them from the Snares and Temptations of the Enemy, that in thy Truth they may fear thy great Name.*

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‘ After a little Time of Silence, he desired me to 1726.
 ‘ remember his dear Love, in the Life of Christ Jesus,
 ‘ to my dear Brother *Thomas Chalkley*, in *Pensylvania*,
 ‘ and to all his old Friends and Acquaintance.

‘ About the eleventh Hour in the Morning he en-
 ‘ quired how the Tide was, which no Body present
 ‘ could exactly tell ; some Time after he asked again ;
 ‘ his Man then went out to see ; returning, he told him,
 ‘ it would be High-water about three a Clock in the
 ‘ Afternoon ; he then lay still a while, and after some
 ‘ Pause spoke chearfully out aloud, so that all in the
 ‘ Room might hear him, *I shall go off about Five* ; his
 ‘ Man said, Master how do’st know ? To which he
 ‘ answered, *Know, I do not know, but I believe it.* After
 ‘ this the Apothecary, one of his Neighbours (among
 ‘ whom he was well beloved) about Noon came to see
 ‘ him, and asked him how he was ? Father answered,
 ‘ that for three or four Hours in the Night he
 ‘ thought he should have gone. Why, said he, Sir, it
 ‘ will be no Surprise to you, I hope. No, no, said my
 ‘ Father very chearfully. He taking Leave of Father,
 ‘ said, The Lord be with you. To whom Father an-
 ‘ swered, And with thee also : The Doctor having or-
 ‘ dered him a comfortable Cordial to drink, he drank
 ‘ it willingly, and then said, *I don’t think to drink any*
 ‘ *more in this World ; but I hope I shall drink plenti-*
 ‘ *fully of the River of Life :* Then drawing near his
 ‘ End, finding his Strength fail, there being a Cord
 ‘ by his Order at the Bed’s Feet, he raised himself up
 ‘ thereby as long as he had any Strength left in his
 ‘ Hands, and when his Hands and Shoulders fail’d,
 ‘ and his Head, when last lifted up, he spoke very low
 ‘ and faltering, yet so as I could understand, and
 ‘ said, *Now I am a going*, and about an Hour after,
 ‘ laying all the while without Sigh or Groan, de-
 ‘ parted this Life as in a Slumber in sweet Peace, ac-
 ‘ cording as he had foretold, just as the Clock struck
 ‘ Five, in a perfect Enjoyment of that Legacy our
 ‘ Saviour

1726. ' Saviour left his Followers; *My Peace I leave with*
 ' you, &c. leaving us of the succeeding Genera-
 ' tion, a good Example to follow; who, as he
 ' lived, so he died, like a Lamb, in the eighty-fourth
 ' Year of his Age, the seventh Day of the First
 ' Month, 1725.'

GEO. CHALKLEY.

To which Account I shall add the following short
 Testimony concerning my dear and greatly beloved
 Father, *George Chalkley*, viz.

' I have a great deal in my Heart, more than I
 ' can write concerning my dear Father's Life, it hav-
 ' ing been a wonderful Life to me from my Youth
 ' up; his early Care of me, and Counsel to me,
 ' when I was too thoughtless and wild, melts me in-
 ' to Tears now in the Remembrance of it; and my
 ' tender Mother was a Partner with him in the same
 ' Exercise, and she died in like Peace: The last
 ' Words I heard her speak, were, *I long to be dissolved*.
 ' And as to my tender Father, I would record a little
 ' briefly in Memory of him, that he was

' 1st. A true and faithful Servant of Christ.

' 2d. A tender and affectionate Husband: I lived
 ' at Home with my Parents about twenty Years, and
 ' I never heard (that I remember) an angry Expres-
 ' sion between them, only once something had trou-
 ' bled them, and they both wept, my Father saying,
 ' I have been an indulgent Husband unto thee, and
 ' my Mother answered, I have not been one of the
 ' worst of Wives to thee; which were the harshest
 ' Words, and the greatest Difference that I observed
 ' between them; for their Life was a Life of Peace
 ' and Love, and they were an excellent Example to
 ' us their Children. Oh! May we follow them
 ' therein to the End!

' 3d. He had a fatherly Care for his Children, in
 ' tender Prayers for us, and in good Advice to us,
 ' and

‘ and in giving us Learning according to his Ability, 1726.
 ‘ and teaching us (by his Example, as well as Precept)
 ‘ Industry, Humility, and the true Religion of our
 ‘ our blessed Saviour, endeavouring to plant it in us
 ‘ betimes, and to destroy the evil Root of Sin in us,
 ‘ while young.

‘ 4th. I was his Servant, as well as his Son, and I
 ‘ can truly say, his Service was delightful, and his
 ‘ Company pleasing and profitable to me; and he was
 ‘ also beloved much by his other Servants.

‘ 5th. He was universally beloved by his Neigh-
 ‘ bours, and I do not remember any Difference be-
 ‘ tween him and them, in the many Years I lived with
 ‘ him; but all was Peace and Love.

‘ 6th. He was very loving to his Relations, and
 ‘ true to his Friends, and a hearty Well-wisher and
 ‘ Lover of his King and Country.’

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Our General-meeting at *Frankfort*, the 30th of the
 Fourth Month was large, our Friend *William Piggot*,
 from *London*, being there (in the Course of his Visit to
 Friends in *America*) and had close Work and good Ser-
 vice in this Meeting.

In the Fifth Month 1726, I visited the Meetings
 of Friends at *Philadelphia*, *German-town*, and *Bybury*, *Philadel-*
 in some of which Meetings, as also at our own at *Frankfort*, I had very comfortable Satisfaction: My *phia.*
 Testimony was pretty sharp sometimes to Transgres- *German-*
 sors, and therefore some of them hate me, as the *Jews* *town, &c.*
 did my great Master: Because I was concerned to
 testify, that their Deeds were evil, and to excite my
 Friends to manifest a Christian Zeal, by openly deny-
 ing ungodly Men, while they continue in their ungodly
 Works; but when they become truly penitent, and
 reform their Lives, the Arms of Christ, and his
 Church, will be open to receive them.

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1726. Being under some melancholy Thoughts, because some Persons, for whom I wished well, and to whom I had been of Service, were so envious and malicious as to tell false Stories of me, tending to defame me ; as I was riding to our Meeting, it opened with Satisfaction to my Mind, *The more my Enemies hate me, the more I'll love, if that can be ;* and I had hearty Desires to come up in the Practice of this Resolution : And I then thought I should come up with them all, for if a Man loves and prays for his Enemies, if they are gained, he is instrumental to their Good, and so hath Cause of Rejoicing ; and if they are not gained, he heaps Coals of Fire on their Heads ; so that every true Christian, by keeping under the Cross of Christ, and in the Practice of his Doctrine, gets the better of his Enemies.

In the Beginning of the Sixth Month, I was at the Burial of *Robert Fletcher*, a worthy Man, and one universally beloved by all Sorts of People (as far as ever I heard.) There was a large Meeting at his Funeral, wherein several Testimonies, suitable to the Occasion, were born : Some of his last Words were mentioned, which were, *That he had lived according to the Measure of Grace given him.* And the Doctrine of the Resurrection was maintained according to the Scripture, and the People were exhorted to prepare for their final Change. The Death of this Friend was a Loss to the Country, to our Society, and to his Neighbours, as well as to his Family and Friends.

Uwchland. After Meeting I travelled towards *Uwchland*, had a Meeting there on First-day, and on Second-day another Meeting at *Lewis Walker's*, and on Third-day *Haverford.* was at the General-meeting at *Haverford* : Friends were exhorted to dwell in the Love of God, one towards another ; for if they lost their Love, they would lose their Religion, their Peace, and their God ; for *God is Love, and those that dwell in God, dwell in Love.*

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My Neighbour *Daniel Wortbrington*, accompanied me in this rough Travel, some Part of the Way being hilly, and very stony and bushy, and the Weather wet. We had four Meetings, and rode about four-score Miles; and though I had travelled much in this Province, I had never been at some of those Places before: But a few Nights before I set out, I had a plain Prospect of them in a Dream, or Night Vision, as I saw them afterwards, which I thought somewhat remarkable.

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The People inhabiting this Province, are now become numerous, and make many Settlements in the Woods, more than I have observed in my Travels in any of the *British* Plantations; and there hath long been a Desire in my Mind that they might prosper in the Work of true and thorough Reformation; and a godly Fear and Concern being upon me, I have sometimes put them in Mind of the State of this Land, when their Fathers first came and settled in it; and to caution them of growing careless, and forgetting the Lord, lest he should forsake them, and turn their now fruitful Fields into a barren Wilderness, as this was so lately; which it is easy with him to do, if he pleases, for the Sins of the People.

After my Return Home, I visited many Meetings, as *Abington*, (Youths-meeting) *Philadelphia*, and *Chester*. At *Chester* I was concerned to direct the People to that Power in themselves, which is the Life of Religion, and to be careful not to rest in the best Forms without it; for if we had only the Form of Godliness, and had not the Life and Power of it, it might be as reasonable for People to turn away from us, as it was for our Fore-fathers to turn away from other Societies.

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In the Seventh Month I was at our Yearly-meeting held at *Burlington*, for the Provinces of *New-Jersey* and *Pensylvania*, which was a very large Meeting, there

1726. there being Friends from *New-England, Rhode-Island,*
and Europe.

Evesham.

First-day Morning I went to *Evesham* to the Burial of our serviceable Friend *Jervis Stockdale*; he being in good Esteem, there was much People: The Meeting was in a good tender Frame, and continued several Hours so, in which divers Testimonies were delivered, in order to stir up People to Truth and Righteousness, and godly living, that they might die well. I lodged the Night before at *Peter Fearon's*, and in the Morning I was awaked out of my Sleep, as it were by a Voice, expressing these Words; HE THAT LIVETH AND BELIEVETH IN ME SHALL NEVER DIE. This I took to be the Voice of Christ, I do not know that it was vocal, but it was as plain as one. From these Expressions I had to observe to the People, the happy State and Privilege of those who live and believe in Christ, and that such must not live in Sin.

During the Time of our Yearly-meeting, some rude People came up the River in a small Sloop, provided by them for that Purpose, and spent their Time in drinking, carowsing, and firing of Guns, to the Grief and Concern of Friends, who were religiously discharging their Duty, in serving and worshipping the Almighty; and it is observable, that one of these disorderly Persons had his Hand shot off at that Time, and that the chief Promoters and Actors in this riotous Company, were soon after cut off by Death, in the Prime of their Days.

After the General-meeting was over, which ended well, Friends in the Love of God departed in Peace for their several Habitations, praising and glorifying God.

In the Beginning of the Eighth Month, having some Business at *Cape-May*, I ferried over to *Gloucester*, and went the first Night to *James Lord's*, lodged there, got up before Day, it being First-day Morning, and rode near thirty Miles to *Salem*, where we

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had a good Meeting, and so went to *Alloway's Creek*, 1726.
Cobansy, and through a barren Wilderness to *Cape-*
May, where we had one Meeting, and returned by *Cobansy*
 Way of *Egg-Harbour* home; in which Journey I tra-
 velled upwards of two hundred Miles. At *Cape-May*
 I was concerned to write a few Lines concerning
 Swearing, as follows, viz.

‘ Christians ought not to swear in any Case, for *Against Swearing.*
 these Reasons—1st. Because Christ, their Lord, for-
 bad it; unto whom the Angels in Heaven must be
 subject, and doubtless, so must mortal Man, to
 whom he gave the Precept. We must and ought to
 be subject to Christ, who is *Lord of Lords, and King*
of Kings, and the Judge of the Quick and the Dead:
 To him all Mortals must be accountable for their
 Disobedience. He says, in his Sermon on the Mount,
 thus, *I say, Swear not at all:* Wherefore, how can *Mat. v. 34.*
 Christians (or such who are his Friends) swear, since
 he says also, *Ye are my Friends, if ye do whatsoever I* *John xv. 14,*
command you. So consequently those who disobey his
 Commands, must be his Enemies. To this Com-
 mand it is objected, that Christ only spoke against
 common or prophane Swearing: But this must needs be
 a great Mistake, because Christ says, *It was said in* *Mat. v. 33.*
old Time, Thou shalt perform unto the Lord thine Oaths,
 (alluding to the Law of *Moses*) which Oaths were
 solemn and religious; therefore Christ did not only
 prohibit vain and prophane Swearing, but all Swear-
 ing: If we understand the Word, *All*, and what
 all signifies, then all and any Swearing whatsoever,
 is not lawful for a Christian, according to Christ’s
 Law and Command, which is positive to his Fol-
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‘ 2dly. *James* (the holy Apostle of Christ, our Law-
 giver, and our King) says, *Above all Things, my* *James v. 12.*
Brethren, swear not, neither by Heaven, neither by the
Earth, neither by any other Oath. Christ says, *Swear*
not at all; and *James* his Disciple and Apostle, says,
 ‘ *Swear*

1726. *Swear not by any Oath*; wherefore, if swearing on the Bible be any Oath, or is swearing at all, it is contrary to the express Doctrine of Christ, and his Apostle *James*, as is plain from the above cited Texts.

3dly. The primitive Christians did not swear at all, in the first Ages of Christianity. *Query*, Whether our modern swearing Christians are better than the primitive Ones, who for Christ, and Conscience sake, could not swear at all, even before a Magistrate, though legally called?

4thly. Many Christians have suffered Death, because they for Conscience sake could not swear, and so break the Command of Christ their Lord; and do not our modern Christians trample upon their Testimony and Sufferings? Some of whom suffered Death for not swearing before the *Heathen Magistrates*, and some were martyr'd by the *Papists*; judge then whether the Persecuted or Persecutors were in the right.

5thly. Many of our worthy Friends and Forefathers (since the former) have suffered to Death in Goals for not swearing, when required by persecuting *Protestants*, because for Christ's sake and Sayings, as above, they could not swear at all: And this hath been a Testimony which our Society hath constantly born ever since we have been a People, for the Reasons above, and more also, if there were Occasion, which might be given.

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phia.

The 23d of the Eighth Month, I was at the Morning Meeting at *Philadelphia*, on a First-day of the Week, which was large, and I was concerned therein to exhort Friends to labour to purge and cleanse our Society of such under our Profession who live in open Prophane-ness, and are riotous in their Conversations. I was at the Bank-meeting in the Afternoon, where we had a comfortable Time: And the next Sixth-day of the Week I was at our Monthly-meeting, where it was unanimously agreed, in Consideration of some late in-
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decent Conduct of some Persons pretending to be of our Profession, that a Testimony from that Meeting should go forth against such disorderly Doings, and unchristian Practices; and that all such Persons, who were irregular in their Conversations, be disown'd to be of our Community, until they by Repentance manifest their Reformation; which was accordingly soon after published, and read in our First-day Morning-meeting, and in our Youths-meeting. And about this Time our Governor issued a seasonable Proclamation against Drinking to Excess, Gaming, Swearing prophanely, Revelling, Night-walking, and Disturbing the Peace, and other Immoralities; which afforded some Satisfaction to sober and well-inclined Friends, and others: Yet there remain'd a great Exercise and Concern upon my Mind, that some young People, whose Parents had been careful in training them up, were grown so wicked, that by their extravagant Conduct, they not only disturb'd our religious Meetings, but likewise became obnoxious to the peaceable Government we live under.

In the Ninth Month I was at divers Meetings, at *Merion, German-town, Fair-bill, Abington, and Philadelphia*; in which were several Marriages solemnized in a religious Manner. And in the Tenth Month, I went into the County of *Salem*, about my Affairs: It happened to be at the Time of the Quarterly-meeting for *Salem and Gloucester* Counties; but I did not know of it, until I came to *Salem*, where Friends were glad to see me, as also I was to see them; there were some of us whose Hearts were knit and united together as *Jonathan's* and *David's*, the divine Love of God being much shed abroad in our Hearts at that Meeting: When it was over, and I had finished my Business, I could not be clear in my Mind, without having some Meetings in the said Counties of *Salem and Gloucester*; and tho' it was a sickly Time, and People died pretty much in those Parts where we were going, *James Lord*

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town, &c.*

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1726. and I, in the Love of Christ, visited the Meetings at Alloway's Creek, Cobansy, Pile's Grove, Woodberry, Newton, and Haddonfield, having Meetings every Day in the Week, except the last, and sometimes riding near twenty Miles after Meeting, the Days being at the shortest, and the Weather very cold; but the Lord was with us, which made sufficient Amends for all the bodily Hardships we met with.

Cobansy,
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I got Home well, but weary; and was well and joyfully received by my loving Spouse, Children, and Servants; and I was truly thankful to the Most High for his Presence and Goodness continued to me; so that, though I perceived my bodily Strength to decline apace, my Sight, Hearing, and Voice, failing much, I have Occasion to believe, at Times I was helped even beyond Nature in the Work of Christ, my dear Lord and Master.

The 27th of the Tenth Month, I heard the News of the Death of my dear Friend John Lee (by one sent to desire my Company at his Burial.) It affected me with Sorrow, he being an old Acquaintance, and inward Friend of mine, with whom I had travelled many Miles: He was a living, serviceable Minister of the Gospel of Christ, and instrumental to convince divers of that Principle of divine Light and Truth, which we profess. I could not be at his Burial, because of my Indisposition, and the Unseasonableness of the Weather; yet I think it my Duty, to say this concerning him; *That our Love and Friendship was constant and intire unto the End, having been acquainted about thirty-five Years, as near as I can remember.*

In the Eleventh Month, as I was meditating in my Closet, on the Duty and Beauty of that great Virtue of Temperance, it appeared very bright to the View of my Mind, and the great Benefit of it to those who loved and lived in it: 1st. As to Religion, it tends to keep the Mind in an even Temper, which is a Help to Devotion, and the Practice of religious Duties.

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adly. It is a great Preservative to Health and a good Constitution. 3dly. It is a Blessing to Posterity, in many Considerations. Whereas *Intemperance* destroys the Health, stains the Reputation, hurts Posterity, (in Respect to a healthy Constitution of Body, and Estate) ruins many Families, brings to Poverty and Disgrace, and what is yet worse of all, is a great Lett to Religion and the true Fear of God, and is a great Scandal to any who make Profession of the Christian Religion.

In this Month I accompanied *William Piggot* (who lately arrived from *London*, on a religious Visit to the Meetings of Friends in *America*.) From *Philadelphia* we went to my House at *Frankfort*, and from thence to *North-Wales*, and had two large satisfactory Meetings on the First-day; next Day we were at the Monthly-meeting at *Abington*, the Third-day at *Frankfort*, and Fourth-day at *German-town*, Fifth-day I went to *Philadelphia* Week-day-meeting, and the said Friend to *Abington* General-meeting, and a few Days after we met again at the Quarterly-meeting of Ministers and Elders at *Philadelphia*.

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The 8th of the Twelfth Month was our Youths-meeting at *Frankfort*; many dying about this Time, I was concerned in the Meeting to put Friends in mind of their Mortality; and that I had told Friends lately, at their Meetings at *Abington* and *Philadelphia*, That as I was riding from my House to *Philadelphia*, about a Mile from the City, I saw (in the Vision of Life) the Hand of the Lord stretched over the City and Province, with a Rod in it, in order to correct the Inhabitants for their Sins and Iniquities; which Sight affected my Mind greatly, and altho' I did not hear any vocal Voice, nor see any visible Hand, yet it was as plainly revealed to me as tho' I had: And that notwithstanding I understood some slighted that Testimony, yet I observed to them, that since that Time, more People were taken away than common, as they

1726. now might see ; and indeed that inward Sight and Sense I had of the Displeasure of God for the Sins of the Times, made great Impression on my Mind ; and that no Flesh might glory, the Lord took, from the Evil to come, several sober, well-inclined young People, as well as divers whose Lives and Conversations were evil and vicious ; so that all had need to be warned to be watchful, and turn to the Lord, lest he come at unawares, and call us suddenly out of the World unprepared. In the Twelfth and First Months many died, of all Ages and Professions ; and now some, who would hardly give Credit to what I had delivered in several Meetings, began to see the Fulfilling of it, and great Talk there was about it : And many solid and large Meetings we had with the People at divers Funerals about this Time, exhorting the People not to slight the present Visitation of the Almighty, and to prepare for Eternity, to meet the Judge of the Quick and the Dead, who stands at the Door. And among many that were taken away by Death, were some few of my particular Friends ; and first, dear *Hannah Hill*, who was a bright Example of Piety and Charity, she was like a nursing Mother to me in my Afflictions, as was her Husband more like a Brother than one not related, whose generous Entertainment I may never forget at Times. *Thomas Griffith*, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, died also about this Time : *Thomas* was a serviceable Man, and well esteemed in our Society ; and his Wife a noted Woman for being helpful to, and visiting the Sick : She chose the House of Mourning, rather than the House of Mirth. These were worthy Antients, who made peaceable and good Ends, and to whom may be properly applied that remarkable Text of Scripture ; *Mark the Upright, and behold the Just, for the End of that Man is Peace.*

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Support of my Family, and in order to discharge my 1727.
just Debts, which were occasioned by great Losses by
Sea and Land. Many of my Friends were kind to
me, and sent a Cargo of Goods, in the Sloop *John*,
Anthony Peel Master, consigned to me for Sales and
Returns. When the Vessel was loaded, she proceeded
down the River, and I went by Land to *Salem*, and
was at Meeting there on First-day, and on Third-day
went aboard the Sloop at *Elsenborough*: On the 8th of
the Second Month we took in our Boat and Anchors,
and proceeded to Sea. From *Elsenborough* and the
Capes I wrote to my Wife, giving her an Account
how it was with me, and encouraged her to bear my
Absence with Patience: It was indeed very hard for
us to part.

I may not omit taking Notice of an Exercise which
I felt one Night as I lay on my Bed in *Philadelphia*
(on the 21st of the First Month, my Sleep being
taken from me) which I recollected and wrote down
on board the aforesaid Vessel, and was in this Man-
ner, viz.

‘ That the Lord was angry with the People of
‘ *Philadelphia* and *Pensylvania*, because of the great
‘ Sins and Wickedness which were committed by the
‘ Inhabitants, in Publick Houses, and elsewhere :
‘ and that the Lord was angry with the Magistrates
‘ also, because they use not their Power as they might
‘ do, in order to suppress Wickedness ; and do not,
‘ so much as they ought, put the Laws already made
‘ in Execution against Prophaneness and Immorality :
‘ And the Lord is angry with the Representatives of
‘ the People of the Land, because they take not so
‘ much Care to suppress Vice and Wickedness, and
‘ wicked Houses, in which our Youth are grossly cor-
‘ rupted, as they ought to do : And also the Lord is
‘ angry with many of the better Sort of the People,
‘ because they seek after and love the Things of this
‘ World, more than the Things of his Kingdom :

1727: ' And it was shewed me, that the Anger of the Most High would still be against us, until there was a ' greater Reformation in these Things.' [*It is worthy of Commendation, that our Governor, Thomas Lloyd, sometimes in the Evening, before he went to Rest, us'd to go in Person to Publick Houses, and order the People, he found there, to their own Houses, till, at length, he was instrumental to promote better Order, and did, in a great Measure, suppress Vice and Immorality in the City.*]

For some Days after we were at Sea, the Weather was pleasant, and we had our Health, for which my Heart was truly thankful. I exhorted the Sailors against Swearing; and tho' they had been much us'd to it, they left it off, so that it was rare to hear any of them swear; for which Reformation, so far, I was glad. I lent and gave them several good Books, which they read, and shewed much Respect to me: But soon after the Wind was contrary (for some Days) and some in the Vessel were quarrellsome. I ask'd them what they thought of the Saying of Christ, viz. *If a Man smite thee on the Cheek, turn to him the other also?* At which they were silent and better conditioned to one another afterwards, and we had some Reformation both from Fighting and Swearing. This Voyage I was not so Sea-sick as I formerly had been (though I had, before I left Home, some uneasy Thoughts about my usually being Sea-sick) which I took as a peculiar Favour from Heaven. About the Latitude of 20 Degrees North, we met with Calms and contrary Winds, which was very hard for some in the Vessel to bear, they putting themselves much out of Temper about it; as for my own Part, I had been us'd to Disappointments, and therefore did not so much mind it. I spent pretty much of my Time in reading and writing, and God being gracious, it was, in the main, a comfortable Time to me; and I enjoyed my Health as well as ever I did at Sea in my Life, for which I often breathed forth inward

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Thanks to the Almighty. On the 5th of the Third Month we arrived at *Barbadoes*, and I was lovingly received by our Friends, but came to a very low Market for my Goods. 1727.
Barbadoes.

I visited Friends Meetings on the Island, and had several open Meetings at *Bridge-Town*, and *Speight's Town*, and likewise at *Pumpkin-Hill*, and the *Spring*. *Bridge-Town, Speight's Town, &c.* On the Day of *Pentecost* (so called) we had a Meeting at *Bridge-Town*, in which was shewn, the Work and Operation of God's Spirit on the Old World, and under the Law; and the everlasting Duration and Operation of the same holy Spirit under the Gospel Dispensation, *which*, Christ said, *should abide for ever*. At the Quarterly-meeting at *Speight's Town*, was Judge *Allen*, and the Captain of the Man of War stationed there, with several others, not of our Society. I was much drawn forth in this Meeting to speak of the Power of the Father, Son, and the Spirit, opening to the People how we had been misrepresented, in respect to our Belief in the *Trinity*, or the holy *Three which bear Record in Heaven, the Father, Word, and Spirit, which Three are One*; for that it was clear and plain, that we are more orthodox in the Belief in the Deity, than those who do not believe in the Operation of the holy Ghost; as also that none could be true Christians without it. It was queried, How could they be clear in their Belief in the holy Trinity, or the *Three that bear Record in Heaven*, who believe the holy Spirit is ceased in his Operations, Gifts, or immediate Revelations, and, if ceased, when, and where, to whom, and how? The People were very sober and attentive, and staid all the Time, and after the Meeting was done some Time, divers expressed their Satisfaction with what was said. My good Friend *Peter Sharp*, of *Maryland*, was with me at this Meeting, on whose Account some of the People came. He had good Service in the Meeting, and I was glad of his Company in this Island, where we joyfully met and parted in

1727. the Love of Christ. At this Meeting we had each of us a Certificate from Friends, signifying their Unity with our Conversations and Services. The last Meeting I had at *Barbadoes*, was at *Speight's-Town*, on a First-day; it was a solid, good Meeting, in which I took my Leave of Friends there, and exhorted them to believe in and hear Christ, he being a Teacher that could not be removed from them, as Men often were; and, though they were but few, they were desired to meet in Christ's Name; and I had to shew them the Difference between us and other Christian Professors, who hold no publick Worship, if there be no outward Teacher: Whereas, if but Two or Three meet in the Name of Christ, he has promised to be in the midst of them; and he is the best Teacher we can have.

At Sea.

On the 14th of the Fourth Month we set Sail from this Island, and, for the most Part, had fair Weather and fair Winds, and saw several Ships, but spoke with none.

I was one Evening leaning over the Side of the Vessel, as being very lonesome (having little Conversation with any in the Vessel, for divers Reasons) I turned from all outward Things to the Lord, and was glad to feel his Presence and Goodness, which was a Comfort to me in my lonesome State; and as my Travels and Concerns had called and caused me to be much on the Seas, it also pleased my good and gracious God, to support me thereon many Times, in divers Trials, Temptations, and Exercises; for all which, I bow in awful Reverence before him, and return Thanksgiving and Praise to his great Name.

The 1st of the Fifth Month, about Noon, we came to the *Capes of Delaware*, and sailed up the Bay; but, in a little Time, we touch'd the Ground with our Vessel several Times; there being little Wind, we got no Harm; but two Hours after, or thereabouts, a Gust, or Storm of Wind, took us, which, if it had met with us on the Shoals where we struck, in all

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Likelihood we must have perished; which I took to be a remarkable Deliverance. Next Tide we got to *Newcastle*, and, it being First-day, I had a Meeting with Friends there, with which we were greatly refreshed in the Lord, and in one another. After Meeting I went on board the Sloop, and, having a fair Wind, we sailed for *Philadelphia*, where we arrived about the Eleventh Hour, lodged that Night at *Paul Preston's*, and next Day went home to my Family at *Frankfort*, where my Wife, Children, and Servants, received me with much Rejoicing.

When I was in *Barbadoes*, P. M. who accompanied me from *Bridge-Town* to Windward to Counsellor *Week's*, told me, *That when I was in the Island before, he and I had some Discourse concerning the Use of the Sword, he then (not being of our Society) wore a Sword, but now had left it off, and his Business also, which was worth some Hundreds a Year. I had reminded him of Christ's Words, that Those who take the Sword, should perish with the Sword, Mat. xxvi. 52. and, Resist not Evil; and if a Man smite thee on one Cheek, turn the other also: Love Enemies, do Good to them that hate you, pray for them who despitefully use you, and persecute you. After I had us'd these Arguments, he ask'd me, If one came to kill me, would I not kill rather than be killed? I told him, No; so far as I know my own Heart, I had rather be killed than kill. He said, That was strange, and desired to know what Reason I could give for it. I told him, That I being innocent, if I were killed in my Body, my Soul might be happy; but if I killed him, he dying in his Wickedness, would, consequently, be unbappy; and if I were killed, he might live to repent; but if I killed him, he would have no Time to repent; so that, if he killed me, I should have much the better, both in respect to myself and to him. This Discourse had made so much Impression, and so affected him, that he said, he could not but often remember it. And when we parted*

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1727. at *Bridge-Town*, we embraced each other, in open Arms of Christian Love, far from that which would hurt or destroy.

After I had been at Home some Time, I visited the Meetings at *Philadelphia*, *Burlington*, and *German-town*, in which Places I had Service of divers Kinds, and was lovingly received by Friends and others.

In the Fifth Month, *Joshua Fielding* and *John Oxley* had a large and satisfactory Meeting at *Frankfort*. *Joshua* came from *London* on a religious Visit to *America*, and having been on divers Islands, he landed on the Main at *South-Carolina*, and from thence travelled through the Wilderness 400 Miles, or more, where no Publick Friend had ever travelled before: The Journey was perilous, but the Lord was with him; who may, in his own Time, make Way for his Servants in those desert Places. *John Oxley* came on the same Account from *Barbadoes*, and had good Service among Friends in his publick Ministry.

In this Month we thinking it convenient to send our little Children to School, and not having a School-master of our Society near us, concluded to put our Son and Daughter under the Care of *Nathaniel Walton*, to whom I thought it my Duty to write a few Lines about the Salutation and Language I would have them train'd up in, which were on this wise, viz.

Frankfort, 30th of the 5th Month, 1727.

Loving Friend *Nathaniel Walton*,

I HOPE thou wilt excuse this Freedom which I take with thee, in writing this on Account of my Children, in these Particulars, viz. Respecting the Complement of the *Hat*, and *Courtesying*, the Practice thereof being against my professed Principle; 1st. Because I find nothing like it in the Bible; but, as I think, the contrary. Thou knows the Passage of the *Three Children of God*, who stood covered be-

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' fore a mighty Monarch; and *Mordecai*, who could 1727.
 ' not bow to great *Haman*: And, 2dly, I believe
 ' those Practices derived from vain, proud Man.
 ' And as to *Language*, I desire my Children may not
 ' be permitted to use the plural Language to a single
 ' Person; but I pray thee to learn them to say *Thee*,
 ' and *Thou*, and *Tby*, and to speak it properly (divers
 ' using it improperly) and the rather I desire it, be-
 ' cause 'tis all along used in the divine inspired ho-
 ' ly Writings. I suppose thou art not a Stranger of its
 ' Rise being from the Grandeur and Apostacy of the
 ' *Romish* Church; and, also, that *You* to a single
 ' Person, is not consonant to the Book of God, nor
 ' the true Rules of Grammar.—I know it is generally
 ' objected, *That the End of Speech is to be under-*
 ' *stood.*—But it is understood better in and according
 ' to the Language of *God*, *Christ*, and the *holy Ghost*,
 ' in the Bible, and the Language of Kings, and all
 ' People, as we read it in the holy Scriptures, why
 ' then should we be ashamed of it, or shun it, and
 ' bring in and uphold a Custom contrary to it? The
 ' same Care I would have thee take, about the Names
 ' of the *Days* and *Months*, which are derived from the
 ' Names of the Gods of the *Heathen*, and are not
 ' found in the Bible. I suppose I have the Mind of all
 ' those of our Society in the above, it being consonant
 ' to our Principle and Profession, and I write in a
 ' Motion of divine Love to all.

' As to the School-learning of my Children, I leave
 ' to thy Management, not questioning thy Ability
 ' therein; and if they want Correction, spare not the
 ' Rod.

' I hope thou wilt observe this Direction in Teach-
 ' ing my Children, in which thou wilt oblige thy as-
 ' sured Friend,

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The latter End of the Fifth, and the Beginning of the Sixth Months, the Weather was exceeding hot, so that divers People died suddenly of the Heat (as it was supposed.)

Abington.

The Beginning of the Sixth Month I was at the Youths-meeting at *Abington*, which was large, and open to many; and I not having been there since I came from Sea, divers expressed their Gladness to see me; and we were that Day favoured with some Showers, both celestial and elementary, to our Comfort.

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In the same Month I was also at the Youths-meeting in *Philadelphia*: It had been a sickly Time, but many had recovered. That Passage opened on my Mind, to speak of in the Meeting, concerning the *Lepers*, which Christ cleansed and healed, being ten in Number, and that but one came to return Thanks to God, for being healed, and restored to Health, *Luke xvii. 12.* Friends were exhorted to prize their Health, and to shew their Thankfulness to God, the Giver of it, by fearing and serving him, and taking Heed to Christ, the Word in their Hearts. The Meeting was in a good, solid Frame, and we praised the Lord together, and gave him Thanks for his merciful Visitation.

About this Time I heard of the Death of our King (*GEORGE the First*) a Prince whom I loved and honoured; which News was very sorrowful to me on divers Accounts: His Love and Kindness to our Society, was well worthy our grateful Remembrance.

On a Third-day, being our Week-day-meeting at *Frankfort*, *Elizabeth Whartnaby* and *Mary Smith* were there: It was a comfortable Opportunity. They were two Nights at my House. *Elizabeth* was preparing to leave this Land for *Barbadoes*, and *Europe*, intending a religious Visit to Friends.

The 20th of the Sixth Month, going into my Closet, I there met with a Paper of my Son-in-Law *Isaac Brown's*,

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 had done of several of his late Writings, I found it on
 my Mind to write to him after this Manner:

Dear Son Isaac,

‘BY several Writings of thine (of late) I perceive
 ‘ that a good Thing is at Work in thy Mind, the
 ‘ which I pray the All-wise and Infinite Being to pro-
 ‘ mote in thy Heart, to thy eternal Salvation, and
 ‘ his Glory. I now begin to be in some Hopes that
 ‘ my Prayers and Tears for thee, in the Lord’s Time,
 ‘ may be answered: And I do believe, if thou keeps
 ‘ low in thy Mind, that God will more and more visit
 ‘ thee. The Advice of *David* to his Son *Solomon*,
 ‘ when he also gave him the Kingdom, comes before
 ‘ my Mind to give thee,—*My Son, know thou the God*
 ‘ *of thy Father, and serve him with a perfect Heart, and*
 ‘ *with a willing Mind; for the Lord searcheth all*
 ‘ *Hearts, and understandeth all the Imaginations of the*
 ‘ *Thoughts; if thou seek him, he will be found of thee;*
 ‘ *but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.*
 ‘ 1 Chron. xxviii. 9. Dear Isaac, this was Counsel
 ‘ from one of the greatest and best of Kings, to a wise
 ‘ young Prince, who petitioned the Almighty for di-
 ‘ vine Wisdom, before Riches, or Honour, or long
 ‘ Life; which Petition so pleased God, that he an-
 ‘ swered his Request, and, over and above, blessed
 ‘ him in an extraordinary Manner.

‘I perceive thou art inclined to read pretty much;
 ‘ I pray thee, that thy chief Study in Books may be
 ‘ the holy Scriptures. Let all other Books (tho’ of
 ‘ Use, and good, in their Places) be subservient to
 ‘ them; for their Authority, of all other Writings
 ‘ (to the true Believers in Christ) are most divine;
 ‘ they having a supernatural Spring and divine Evi-
 ‘ dence in them to the virtuous and pious Readers.
 ‘ Thou, my Son, wilt much comfort the Heart of thy
 ‘ tender Mother, and of me thy loving and careful
 ‘ Father,

A Letter
 to Isaac
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• Father, if thou follows and perseveres in the Ways
• of Virtue and Truth; which, that thou mayest,
• is the Prayer of thy affectionate Father-in-Law.

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The latter End of the Sixth Month, I went to the General-meeting of Ministers and Elders for the *East Part of New-Jersey*, and to the Quarterly and Youths-meeting at *Burlington*, and to a General-meeting at *Stony-Brook*, and to the Quarterly-meeting of the County of *Bucks*——*John Oxley*, of *Barbadoes*, and *Joshua Fielding*, of *London*, were at divers of those Meetings, wherein we had open, seasonable Opportunities; and I had a large, affecting Account from *Joshua*, of his long and difficult Travels in the Service of Truth to the *West-India* Isles, and thence to *South Carolina*, from whence he came thro' the Wilderness by Land, thro' *North-Carolina*, *Virginia*, &c. to this Province.

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The 16th of the Seventh Month began our Yearly-meeting at *Philadelphia*, which was attended with the gracious Presence of God, to the Comfort and great Satisfaction of many Souls. In this Meeting divers young Men and young Women appeared, who were lately come forth in the Ministry, and, as I believe, had received a Measure of the Gift of Christ's Gospel; which was Cause of Rejoicing to the Faithful among us, and excited our Thanksgiving and Praises to the Almighty Lord of Heaven and Earth.

At this Meeting we had the Company of four Ministers from *Great Britain*, and one from *Barbadoes*, and many from divers other Parts, it being a very large Gathering of some Thousands of People (as was believed) in which many were strengthened in their Faith in Christ, and comforted thro' the Power of the *holy Ghost*, that blessed Comforter, which Christ promised to his Church, who *should be with them for ever, and guide them into all Truth*.

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Next First-day after the Yearly-meeting, I, with several of my Neighbours, went over *Delaware* to a Meeting up *Pensawken* Creek; in which the wonderful Love of God was declared, in sending his Son upon Earth, who, as he was Man, died for Man, and is now by his Spirit present with all those that truly believe in him; he being the Messenger of the Covenant of God to Mankind. — And on Second-day, being the 25th of the Seventh Month, I had the sorrowful Tydings of the Death of my beloved Friend *James Lord*; who, on his Death-bed desired that I might be sent for to his Burial. In the Consideration of that Christian Love that was between us, I think I may truly note, That we were always glad to meet each other; therefore the Thoughts of this so sudden Change, and final Parting, brought, for the present, a Sadness and Heaviness over my Mind; considering his Station in that Neighbourhood, and Service in that Congregation to which he did belong; for therein he was well-beloved, and very serviceable.

And Oh! The Loss that his dear Wife and tender Children will have of him, really affects me with Sorrow in penning these Notes; but the Sorrow, in these Things, is all on our Side; for he, without doubt, is at Rest with his great Master in Heaven. We had a larger Meeting at his Funeral, than ever was known to be there before (as an antient Friend told me) which was solemn and serviceable to many.

Some Time after, having been at divers Meetings about home, *John Oxley* and I, in Company, visited Friends on *Long-Island*. At *Flushing* we were at the Burial of *Jonathan Dickenson*: Many People, of divers Perswasions, were at the Meeting on that Occasion, and were very sober and attentive. — I was at the Yearly-meeting for the South-side of the Island, at a Place called *Seccatoug*, which Meeting was large, many Friends and others coming to it over the Plains. I was afterwards at the Yearly-meeting at *Shrewsbury*, in *Shrewsbury*.

1727. in *East-Jersey*, which held three Days, and was very large, and the last Day the People were very still—*Joshua Fielding* was at this Meeting, and was therein concerned to preach the Gospel of Christ with good Authority, and Matter suitable to a true Gospel-minister; *John Oxley* was ill of a Fever, so that he could not be there; but there were Brethren from divers Parts, and the Power and Presence of the Most High was with and among us; blessed be his Name.

Robaway. I was also at *Robaway River*, where was a solid, good Meeting. From thence I returned Home, having been abroad about a Month, and at above twenty Meetings, and travelled about 350 Miles.

Frankfort. In the Eighth Month, at *Frankfort*, we had three Burials out of one House, at one Time; the Mother, Daughter, and Grand-daughter (of which I had never known the like Instances before) on this Occasion we had the Company of many Neighbours, and a very solemn Meeting at our Meeting-house at *Frankfort*.

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Burlington. About this Time I was at divers Meetings at *Philadelphia*, *Abington*, and *Burlington*: We had an Evening-meeting at *Burlington* with *Richard Smith*, junior; who had been so ill that he could not get out to Meetings for some Months: It was such a satisfactory Meeting, that he, and I, and others that were there, will not easily forget, our Hearts being broken together.

The World still continued to frown upon me; but, tho' my Case was such in this World, yet, at Times, I had great Consolation in Christ; and, in the Midst of my Troubles, when I looked back, I could truly say, That I had not been *extravagant*, but *frugal*; not *covetous*, but *charitable*; not *idle*, but *industrious*; not willing to be such an *Infidel* as not to take Care for my Family; it was some solid Comfort to my Mind; and I bless the Almighty, that I always preferr'd his Work and Service to my own, and therein had great Peace. This I can also say, if it were the last I should say, That I never wilfully, or knowingly, wrong'd

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any Man, Woman, or Child, since I came to Years of Discretion; and yet I have nothing to boast of, it is the Lord's *Grace and Mercy which saveth us*.

Having Occasion to make another Voyage to Barbadoes; I wrote to the Teacher of my Children as followeth:

Frankfort, 10th of the 10th Month 1727.

Loving Friend,

I BEING going to Barbadoes, leave the Charge of my little Children to thy Care, not doubting thy Management of them, by their growing in their Learning, please to instruct them to Sobriety, and the Fear of God, and Faith in Christ; and, if I never should see them or thee any more (our Lives being uncertain in this World) pray let them know, that it was their Father's Will and Desire, That they should mind their Learning, and, above all Things, mind the Fear of the most High. When my little Daughter hath read her Testament thro', I would have her go to Writing; and George the same, on the same Terms. Please to learn them the Use of Chapter and Verse, that if any ask them where they are learning, they may tell. And, kind Friend, inasmuch as I perceive thou hast followed my former Directions, I look on myself obliged to thee; therefore am so much the more free to impart my Mind to thee, now on my Departure; which, with real Love, is from thy loving Friend,

T. C.

P. S. Although my Care is great for my Childrens learning their Books, yet it is much more so as to their learning true Piety and Virtue.

On the 25th of the Tenth Month we set sail from Philadelphia; in the Sloop Dove, Oswald Peel Master; having taken a solemn Farewel of my dear Wife, Children, and Friends, in order for the Support of my

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1727. Family, and answering my just Debts, which I had contracted. On the 27th Day of the Month, in the Evening, we took in our Boat, and put to Sea; had some rough Weather in our Passage, but lived comfortably; we being all loving and obliging one to another. On the 15th of the Eleventh Month we safely arrived at *Speight's Town* in *Barbadoes*; and the 18th, between the Hours of five and six in the Morning, we felt the greatest Earthquake that I had ever felt; having been sensible of Three, one at *London*, one at *Jamaica*, and one at *Frankfort* in *Pensylvania*. I was thankful in my Heart to the Lord for my safe Arrival, and that we were all preserved safe in our stormy Passage, and deep loaded Vessel; one Vessel being lost that came out a little Time before us, and another, which came from our Port to this Island a few Days sooner than we, lost three Men by the Violence of the Storm, and received much Damage otherwise; one of them being a Neighbour of mine, with whom I was well acquainted, it affected my Mind very much. I visited Friends Meetings in *Barbadoes*, and some divers Times over; and had Occasion in some Meetings to mention the Earthquake, which I told them I did believe was a Visitation from the Almighty, in order to put People in mind of Mortality, and to reform them from the Evil of their Ways, and call them to Repentance.

While I was in *Barbadoes*, *Francis Gamble* died, whom I went to visit several Times in his Sickness: At his Funeral was a large Gathering of his Neighbours, and others; and divers not of our Society, expressed their Satisfaction with the Meeting. The People in and about *Speight's Town* in *Barbadoes*, were very loving and kind to me, more than I ever had observed before; even some vile, prophane Men, whom I could not forbear to reprove for their Swearing, and taking the sacred Name in vain, yet they shew'd Respect, notwithstanding I reprov'd them sharply. Who can take the sacred Name of God into their Mouths in vain, and

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and be guiltless? Or who can hear it, and forbear reproving it, without being remiss in their Duty? This great Evil is too frequently practised in this rich (poor) Island of *Barbadoes* (rich in Earthly, but poor in Heavenly Treasure) which caused me many Times to mourn in secret before the Almighty, praying him for the Reformation of the People, for Christ's Sake, and for the Glory of his own eternal Name.

The 27th of the First Month 1728, having done my Business in *Barbadoes*, and seen Friends generally, an Opportunity offered for my Return Home, in the Brigantine *Sarah* and *Mary*, *Samuel Gallop* Master, bound for *Burlington*, in Company with *William Dury* and *William Callender*, both of *Barbadoes*. Our Master was exceeding kind to us in the Voyage. The Wind hanging Northerly, we could not go to Windward of *Martinico*, but drove to Leeward, and sailed by the Isles of *Lucia*, *Martinico*, *Dominico*, *Guardaloupe*, *Antigua*, *Montserrat*, *Rodondo*, *Nevis*, *Christopher's*, *Statia*, *Saba*, *Martin's*, *Anguilla*, *Bartholomew's*, *Sombbrero*, and four other small Islands which are called *The Saints*. It was very pleasant sailing by these Islands, only some of them were so exceeding high, that in some Places we were becalm'd, and the Clouds appear'd below the Tops of divers of the Mountains. At *Christophers* (which is counted the highest of them) there being a small River of good fresh Water, we sent our Boat on shore for some, having none very good on board: We lay off and on about two Hours, but did not come to. I was thankful for this Water, it being my constant Drink; it was also very serviceable to the People on board. After we left the Isle of *Sombrero*, we saw a Sail, which we thought stood after us, and hearing at *Christopher's* that several *Spanish* Privateers were on that Coast, our Master, and some others on board, were a little surprized; but we soon left her out of Sight, and we afterwards went pleasantly on our Way till we came to the Latitude of *Bermudas*,

1728. *mudas*, where the Winds blew fresh, and much against us; and this Winter having been very hard, we felt the sharp Blasts of the latter End of it. We had a Passage of about thirty Days, and came very pleasantly up the Bay and River; and it pleased God that I got home once more to my beloved Wife and Children, and was joyfully received by all my Family, whom I found in a good Degree of Health; for which *Frankfort.* I did (as I had Occasion to do) bless and praise the great Name of the most High, who is worthy for ever.

Pennsylvania and Jersey.

After I came Home, I was at many Meetings in *Pennsylvania* and *Jersey*, viz. at *Philadelphia*, *Burlington*, *Bristol*, *Biberry*, *Frankfort*, *German-town*, *New-Hanover*, *Croswicks*, &c. in all which Meetings I had some Service to Friends Satisfaction, and was comforted with the Goodness of God in the Midst of my Afflictions.—My Business lying much at *Burlington*, I spent pretty much of my Time there for several Weeks; where my Friends manifested a tender and hearty Respect towards me, and sympathized with me in my Troubles and Travels; and there I prepared for another Voyage; for I was fully resolved, thro' divine Assistance, to pay all my just Debts (which I contracted, and lay on me, through many Losses) or else to die in the Pursuit of it; in which Resolve I had inward Peace and Satisfaction; though such Labour, Travel, and Separation from my Family, was a great Cross to Nature.

At Sea.

On the 14th of the Fifth Month we went on board the Brigantine *Sarah and Mary*, *Samuel Gallop* Master, for *Barbadoes*; and on the 16th we sailed down the Bay, and put to Sea, and I wrote a loving, tender Letter, to my Wife and Family, and another to my Friends at *Burlington*. We had fair Winds for about two Weeks, after which they were contrary for several Days, during which two of our Men had a Fever, and our Vessel proved leaky (though tight in smooth Water) which was some Concern to us, and obliged

us to pump every half Hour ; but the Leak being 1728.
 much the same, while at Sea, we were the more easy
 about it: I took care of those two People that were
 sick, who soon recovered. The 3d and 4th Days
 of the Sixth Month, it was very windy, with Light-
 ning, Thunder, and Rain ; in which rough Weather
 one of our best Sailors put his Shoulder out of Joint,
 and they brought him to me to see if I could do him
 any Service ; I was not forward to meddle ; but the
 Man and the People believing, if I would undertake
 for him, I might help him ; I told them, that tho' I
 did not understand Bone-setting, I would instruct them
 the best I could ; then I ordered him to set down up-
 on the Deck, and to be stript to the Waist, and got a
 round Piece of Wood as thick as his Arm, and wrapt
 a Piece of Cloth about it, that it might not bruise his
 Flesh, and put it under his Arm, and ordered two
 Men, one at each End of it, to lift up strongly, and
 a third Man to stretch his Arm out, and keep it down
 withal ; which being done, the Bone went into its
 Place ; for which I was thankful in my Heart to the
 Almighty.—About the 10th of the Sixth Month we
 safely arrived at *Speight's Town* in *Barbadoes*, being the *Barbadoes*
 First-day of the Week. From whence I had an Oppor-
 tunity, by *Alexander Seaton*, Master of a Vessel bound to
Pennsylvania, to send an Account of our safe Arrival.

I had many Meetings in the Island, and made several
 Visits to divers sick Persons, one of which was parti-
 cularly to the Satisfaction of the Person visited and his
 Relations : He died, and was buried at *Heathcote's*
Bay, where we had a large Meeting at our Meeting-
 house, where was many People, and it was a good,
 seasonable Opportunity ; in which I had Occasion to
 remind them of their Mortality, and press them to a
 holy Life, the Way to a happy Immortality. I had
 divers Meetings at *Bridge-town*, *Speight's-Town*, and
 the *Spring* ; where the Testimony of Christ's Gospel
 was well received. And after a Stay of three Weeks,

1728. I left *Barbadoes* on the 1st of the Seventh Month, and took my Passage in the *Amity*, *Charles Hargrave* Master, who was very friendly to me in my Passage, as were all on board: We arrived at our Port without casting Anchor in all our Voyage, and laid the Vessel to the Wharfe at *Philadelpha*; and on my landing I immediately went into the Meeting of Ministers and Elders (it being just Meeting Time) where we were much comforted together in Christ; after which I went Home, being lovingly received by my Wife and Family, having been from Home about ten Weeks.

At Sea.

Philadelpha.

After I came Home from this Voyage, I visited the Meetings of Friends at *Philadelpha*, *Frankfort*, *German-town*, the *Falls of Delaware*, *Burlington*, *New-Hanover*, *Mount-Holly*, *Fair-Hill*, &c.

Philadelpha.

The 2d of the Ninth Month I was at the Quarterly-meeting of Ministers and Elders at *Philadelpha*, where I met with *Joseph Taylor*, a Friend, who had visited our Meetings pretty generally on the Continent of *America*, in the Ministry of the Gospel, and was now on his Return homewards, with whose Visit Friends had good Unity, and certified the same to our Brethren of the Meeting where he lived in *Great Britain*.

After this I was at divers Meetings in *Pensylvania* and *Jersey*; and the latter End of the Ninth Month, *Sarah*, the Wife of *Jeremiah Elfreth*, died very suddenly, having been the Day before walking in her Garden; she was a sober, young Woman, and her Death much lamented; her Burial occasioned my Stay at *Philadelpha*, which I had divers Times shunned, because a Concern had been on me for some Time, to declare to the People of that City, That the Lord was angry with the Legislators of *Pensylvania*, because they were not so much concerned to promote Religion and Piety as they ought, and to make such Laws as might prevent the excessive Increase of Publick Houses, which often prove Seminaries of Satan; but strove to promote Parties more than Religion;

gion; And that the Lord was angry with the Magistrates, because they did not so much as they might, and ought to do, put those good and wholesome Laws in Execution, which were already made, against Vice and Immorality; And that the Lord was angry with some of the better Sort of People; because they seek and mind the Things of this World, more than the Things of God and his Kingdom. But I was helped to clear myself in the Morning-meeting, to the Satisfaction of many of the Honest-hearted, and unburden my Mind of a great Exercise that I had long lain under.

In the Afternoon we had a large Meeting at the Bank-meeting-house, occasioned by the aforesaid Burial; the Resurrection of the Dead was declared in that Meeting, according to the Doctrine of our Saviour Jesus Christ, the great Author of the Christian Religion, and also of that eminent Apostle Paul; and that old and false Calumny, that our Society denied the Resurrection of the Dead, was publickly denied and refuted. The People were exhorted to live well that they might die well; and then they need not doubt but that they would rise well at the Resurrection in the last Day: The Meeting concluded with Praise to the Almighty for all his Mercies, and Prayer to him, that he would sanctify that Day's Service to the People.

In the Tenth Month I prepared for another Voyage to the Island of *Barbadoes*, and had the Ship *Bristol Hope*, consign'd to me, but the Winter setting in sooner than common, caused our Stay much longer than we expected, whereby I had the Opportunity to visit divers Meetings, as *Burlington*, the *Falls of Delaware*, *Neshaminy*, *Wright's Town*, and *Philadelphia*. In this City a Concern was on my Mind to declare to the People, that the Almighty had shewed me, that he had often visited them in *Philadelphia* and *Pennsylvania*, with his own Hand; and with his own Rod;

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The 12th of the Eleventh Month, being First-day, I was at *Horsbam* Meeting, and had a tender bowing Time therein; and in my Way home visited some Friends who were sick, it being a Time of general Visitation in those Parts, and the next Seventh Day I was at the Meeting of Ministers and Elders at *Philadelphia*, where we had a good Meeting; here I was earnestly desired to be at the Funeral of *Edmund Orpwood*, the eldest Friend belonging to *Frankfort* Meeting; but was in a Strait, this Friend, being my Neighbour, and I had before engaged to be at the Burial of one with whom I had been acquainted near 40 Years, therefore I did my Endeavour to be at both, being each of them buried in the Afternoon, and five Miles distant; the Days being short also, divers told me it was impracticable; I told them they might be mistaken, as they were, for though we had a large Meeting, and the Company of *Rowland Wilson*, from *Britain*, who had large and good Service therein, yet after Meeting we mounted and got to *Philadelphia*, about a Quarter of an Hour after the Corps was brought into the Meeting-house, as I was informed; we had a large, and as I thought, a good Meeting, after which I went home, being weary in my Body, but thankful in my Heart, that the Almighty had been with us, and helped us to perform that Day's Service.

On the 20th of the Eleventh Month, and Second-day of the Week, I went into a Piece of Ground (which I was clearing for Meadow) in order to give Directions to the Workmen, and one of the Trees fell contrary to the Kerf, and also to the Wind, which was then at North West, and when I saw it falling towards

wards me, I ran from it, but before I could get out of the Way it fell upon me, across my Back, from my Shoulder to my Hips, and struk me down to the Earth, where for some Time I lay speechless, and in all Likelihood I should have been immediately killed, if I had not been providentially preserved by the Body of the falling Tree lying on a Stump, which prevented its crushing me, as I lay on the Ground. A Friend that was near me with a Horse, desired the Wood-cutters (when they were recovered from the Surprize, and I to the Use of my Speech) to help me on his Horse, and I rode home, but in extreme Misery, and I was under great Concern, lest I should surprize my Wife and Children suddenly. We sent to *Philadelphia* for Dr. Griffith Owen, who came in about two Hours, and let me Blood, and ordered several Things to be apply'd and taken, which thro' divine Favour proved very serviceable to me; notwithstanding which I was in great Pain many Days, and long and tedious Nights, not being able either to feed myself, nor turn in my Bed, for a great while.—In this Confinement I was at Times favoured with a very comfortable Sense of the Presence of God, whose Providence is over all his Works; and as his Love to me was great, so the Love of his People was also, many of whom, and of my Neighbours, came to see me, sympathising with me in my Distress; but among them I had one of *Job's* Comforters, who wickedly abused me in this low State. I can scarce forbear mentioning his Name, having Example for it in holy Writ, but through the Lord's Help I'll put on Charity.

The 9th of the Twelfth Month, I got abroad the first Time to our Meeting at *Frankfort*, with which divers expressed their Gladness to see me there again. In this Meeting I exhorted them to think on Eternity, and to prepare for it, by living To-day as tho' they were to die To-morrow; for I found it by Experience to be needful, and then if sudden Death comes, it will not surprize us.

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As I now found it continue my Business to go to Sea for a Livelihood, I undertook the Charge of the Ship *New Bristol Hope*, as Master, tho' it was a Way of Living to which I did not incline; I took Care in our Vessel that there should be no Swearing in my Hearing, nor Drunkenness to my Knowledge, without Reproof, and if I could not be instrumental that Way to break them from Swearing and drinking to Excess, my Manner was, to put them away, so that we generally had a pretty quiet Ship. We left *Philadelphia* the 13th of the Twelfth Month, but Storms and contrary Winds detained us in the River and Bay, so that we did not get out to Sea till the 21st of the said Month, when the Pilot left us, by whom I wrote to my Wife and Family; and now I thought I felt the Benefit of the good Wishes of my beloved and dear Friends I left behind, which did me a great deal of Good, as it often hath done on the like Occasion; for faithful Friends, and good Christians, are as Epistles written in one anothers Hearts.—In our Passage we took several Dolphins, which were very welcome to us, we having a long Passage, and our fresh Provisions near spent. The 19th of the First Month we saw the Island of *Barbadoes*, having had several Meetings on board the Ship in this Voyage, the good Effects I could see but little of, only for that Day they would be a little more sober, and some of them addicted to Swearing, did not swear so often as they did before. The Day following we safely arrived at *Speight's-Town*, where we had the next Day a very comfortable Meeting for the divine Worship of God. The Fifth Day following I was at *Bridge-town*, at their Week-day-meeting; and next First-day (being the 30th of the Month) I was at a Meeting at *Pumpkin-bill*, where I was enlarged in the Doctrine of Faith.

After this I went to the *Bridge* with a Friend from *New-England*; we had two good Meetings, it being the General-meeting for the Friends of the Island, and afterwards

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afterwards I with several Friends went again to *Speight's* 1729.
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 Colonel *Charnock*, and Justice *Sims*; I dined with them *meeting.*
 at Judge *Week's*, and they discoursed of what was
 said in the Meeting about *Dancing*, I quoting *Luther's*
 Words, 'That as many Paces as the Person takes in
 ' the Dance, so many Paces or Steps they take to-
 ' wards Hell:' And I told them, that I had heard
 several had used that vain Exercise in our Meeting-
 house, which was appointed for the Worship of God,
 and I said, I hoped for the future it would be so no
 more; two of those Persons who danced in our Meet-
 ing-house, were then in the Meeting, tho' I did not
 know it. This Testimony so wrought on the Colonel,
 that he said, *he could scarcely feel his Legs since I spoke*
it; and the Justice said, *if these Words be true, he had*
taken many Steps towards Hell, and the Counsellor and
 Judge said, *It was home Doctrine to some that were*
there: Divers of them seemed to be touched with the
 Testimony of Truth, though not so solidly as I
 desired. Soon after I went with *Joshua Byrch* to visit
 the Governor of the Island, Colonel *Worsley*, who
 treated us with much Freedom and Civility; he de-
 sired me to sit down by him, and then called for a
 Decanter of Wine, of which he kindly offered me a
 Glass, but I told him I chiefly drank Water; he said
 Water is certainly the best Drink in the World, and
 told me I was a Credit to my Drink, as I looked as
 well or better than most who drank Wine,

In the Second Month I was at a Meeting on a First-
 day at *Bridge-town*, which was somewhat larger than
 usual; it was a good open Time in the Morning, but *Bridge-*
 more so in the Afternoon. At this Meeting there was a *Town.*
 Merchant of the Town, who sent to know if our Friends
 (he not being of our Profession) would make a *Con-*
tribution for me, in consideration of my Losses. He
 said he would contribute as much as any, altho' he
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1729. had heard me only that one Time; but he was informed that we received no Money nor Pay for our Preaching; yet his Good-will I acknowledged.

Spring:

The 4th of the Third Month I was at a Meeting at the Spring, where I met with *Joseph Gamble*, and *John Oxley* and his Wife, and several others, not belonging to this particular Meeting, and we were edified together in the Love and Life of Christ. I was concerned to speak of the divers Visitations and Speakings of God to the People since the World began; quoting the Words of holy Writ, That, *God who spake to the Fathers by the Prophets, speaks now in those last Days by his Son, whom he hath appointed Heir of all Things*: And that this Dispensation is the last and brightest Dispensation of all, and is the greatest and most glorious Manifestation of God's Love to Mankind; and that besides this vocal Speaking of Christ, when in the Body on Earth, he now speaks spiritually; which spiritual Speaking of Christ, in and to the true Church, and true Believers, will out-last Time, and endure to all Eternity; the great Lord of all, for his unspeakable Benefit therein, was praised and glorified, as being alone worthy.

Speight's Town.

I had divers other Meetings on the Island, which I pass by, not being willing to be prolix. After a Stay of about nine Weeks we proposed sailing. Judge Gray, a very noted Man, and much esteemed among the People, took Passage with us; also *Joshua Byrch*, of *Bridge-Town*, for his Health, and *William Callender*, and several others, as Merchants.—Though I came on Account of Trade, our Friends gave me a Certificate that I had good Service among them, and in my outward Affairs had gained Esteem among the People, as well as in my Service in preaching Christ; all which I acknowledge to be the Effects of divine Grace: Divers Friends and Acquaintance came to the Sea-shore at *Speight's Town*, and in a great deal of tender Christian Love, and good Desires, we took leave, and committed

committed one another to the Protection of the Almighty. We had a comfortable Passage, and arrived at *Philadelphia*, where I was lovingly received by my Wife and Friends. 1729.
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In this Voyage a great and weighty Concern came on my Mind, on Account of the young and rising Generation, desiring they might be happy in this World, and in that which is to come. And first, as to this World, 'I have taken Notice, that divers of the Youth are too apt to waste their outward Substance, which often is given to them (for when they get it themselves, they are for the most part more saving of it) and this wasting and spending, those Sparks call *Generosity, Liberality, Good nature, Gentility, fine Breeding*, and abundance of other fine Names, not considering the Labour and Industry, Frugality, Care and Watchings, of their Parents or Ancestors, to get what they have.' May Parents note this well, and not be anxiously concerned to get much Wealth, which may be a Means to ruin their Posterity! And truly most of these spending, drinking, Company-keeping, gaming, chatting, tippling Youngsters, take a great deal more Care, how they may get Money from others, that they may spend it, than how to earn it, or faithfully labour for it themselves; they will beg or borrow, and run in Debt, but take little or no solid Thoughts to pay; by which Means divers of those topping, beggarly Beaus, and Spenders, have brought both themselves and Relations, Parents and Friends, to Shame and Disgrace, and sometimes to Poverty, where their Relations and Parents have been too liberal. Let all indulgent Parents note this also.

And if any concerned Person should advise those inconsiderate Youths of their Evils, 'tis much if they gain not their lasting Ill-will, and the Epithets of Niggards and Covetous, ill-natured, censorious, sour, morose, &c. However I shall venture to stand the Shock

1729. Shock of their Displeasure, and in as moving Terms as I can, consistent with the Matter on my Mind, entreat them to consider the End of their Spending, slothful, idle Life (which if continued in) must needs end in their Ruin, and they may repent when it is too late, crying out, *Ob! that I had hearkened to the Advice of my Father, and my indulgent Mother! Ob! that I had taken the Counsel of my good Friends in Time, then I had not been in this Condition, nor in those Straits I am now in.* This, or worse, must at last inevitably be the Condition of those unthinking Time-wasting and Money-spending, evil Company-keeping young People, of both Sexes. Some of whom, if they can get it, will spend more in a few Hours, than their Parents can get in so many Days, which is very unreasonable, as well as unthinking; for if the indulgent Parents do not hold their Hands, truly they must all sink together; and where the Parents have been, what these sorts of Youths call *liberal*, whole Families have by such Liberality been undone, which is a Case to be lamented by all sober People.

I pray our spending Youths to consider, how many brave, fine young Men and Women, whose Parents have left them Estates and handsome Incomes, have by such Extravagancies soon spent all, and sometimes more than all, and Disgrace and a Goal have been their Portion; and how many, by living too fast, have died too soon, much sooner than might be expected, according to the Course of Nature.

Wherefore I would advise them to regard what the wise King Solomon said, *Go to the Ant thou Sluggard, consider her Ways, and be wise; she gathereth her Food in the Summer (i. e. she prepares against the Winter)* Though this may be despicable in the Eyes of our fine Gentlemen, and learned spending Wits, yet there appears more Wisdom in these little industrious Animals, than in those great Spenders, who, in the Spring and Summer of their Years, take so little Thought of

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saving what hath been with so much Care gotten for them, or of getting more against the Winter or Old-Age, which, if they live, will certainly overtake them, when their Youth or Summer is gone. 1729.

But many Youths object against this Advice, crying out, as I have often heard, *The Aged give this Advice when they are old, but did as we do when they were young as we are*; although this may be true in some, yet it will not hold good in the general, and if it do in some, is not that Maxim good? *Let others Harms learn us to beware, before it be too late*, that we fall not into the same Snare, which hath entangled or caught Thousands, to their great Shame and Reproach. Again, those who have been so overtaken in their Youth, and are escaped out of the Snare, are more fit to caution or advise how to escape it, or to shew those Paths which led them into that Labyrinth of Woe and Misery.

The Author of all Evil useth his utmost Skill and Power to promote the Practices of excessive Drinking, &c. among Mankind, it being a mighty Support to his Kingdom; for when the Nobility of the Understanding is clouded thereby, then Oh! how many wicked Oaths, Oh! what corrupt Language, what unhand-some, unbecoming Words and Actions, are brought forth! How is good Manners corrupted! How is the sober, chaste Soul offended, and above all other Considerations, how is God dishonoured, and the End of our Creation frustrated, and Man condemned!

When People are in those Excesses, how do they take the sacred Name in vain, and so bring themselves in guilty before God, and Man; for he has positively said, *He will not hold them guiltless, who take his Name in vain*; so that let him plead never so many Excuses, he is pronounced guilty by the Judge of Heaven and Earth: Therefore let me perswade the Youth to remember what the Lord by his Servants said concerning drinking to Excess, *Woe to the Drunkards*; and that no
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1729. *Drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom.* Again, *Woe to them that are mighty to drink Wine, and Men of Strength to mingle strong Drink, &c.* If it be objected, as it often is, when such poor Souls are reprov'd, and their Sins set in order before them; *We trust in the Mercy of God and the Merits of Christ*: I say this is a good Trust and Hope, if upon a good Foundation; but the Wicked must forsake their Ways, and the Unrighteous their evil Thoughts; but what Forsaking is that, when strong Conviction is upon the Soul, to make Covenants, Vows and Promises, and break them from Time to Time? And tho' Christ hath satisfied the Justice of the Almighty for Sinners, it is for those who forsake their Sins, not those who plead for the Practice of them, and endeavour, by many vain Excuses, to justify themselves in them.

Since then the Salvation of the Soul is precious, and hath cost the precious Blood of the Lamb of God, and is much more precious than Health or Wealth, why should any be so cruel and hard-hearted to themselves, as, for a little Vanity, Froth and Mirth, Toys and Trifles, vain Sports, and evil Pastime, to plunge and sink themselves into the eternal Gulph of Woe and Misery; pray, O pray consider it, dear Youths!

Burlington. After my Return from *Barbadoes*, in the Fourth Month, I visited Friends Meetings at *Burlington*, at the *Falls of Delaware*, *Abington*, *German-town*, and was divers Times at *Philadelphia* and *Frankfort* Meetings; which Meetings were much to my Satisfaction; the Lord being pleased to manifest his Goodness to many, as also to my poor exercised Soul; for which I was truly thankful unto him.

Derby. In the Sixth Month I was at the General-meeting of Friends at *Derby*, in *Chester County*, which was a large, good Meeting, divers Friends appearing there in a lively Ministry. About this Time, some Thousands of People came from *Ireland*, and also many *Palatines* from *Holland*; among whom, it is reported,

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were *Romans*, or *Papists*, several of whom, it was said' 1729.
gave out threatening Speeches, which caused some Con-
sternation among the People.

At this large General-meeting, I exhorted them, To trust in the Lord, and not to distrust that Hand which had hitherto preserved us by his Providence without outward Force; and that tho' the People who came among us were many in Number, yet we, having the Lord on our Side, were more than they, in a myltical Sense; putting them in Remembrance of the Prophet, who, when his Servant was afraid, prayed to the Almighty, *To open the Eyes of his Servant, and when they were mystically opened, he saw the Mountains full of Chariots of Fire, and Horses of Fire, and that they were more than their Enemies*: I was also concerned to exhort Friends to be good Examples to those Stangers, who came among us in such great Numbers; and *that our Lights, in our Conversations, might so shine, that those People, seeing our good Works, might glorify our Father which is in Heaven*, according to the Doctrine of Christ; and then we should do them Good, and they would do us no Hurt, but Good also: But on the other Hand, if we keep not our Places, and do not live in the Fear of God, nor according to our holy Principles and Profession, that then it might be just with the Lord God, to make them a Scourge to us.—Many were comforted in this Meeting, and God was praised, who is worthy.

On the 15th of the Sixth Month, having loaded the Ship *New Bristol Hope*, a second Time, I sail'd in her from *Philadelphia*, and having a Concern to visit the Meeting of Friends at *Salem*, I left the Ship at *Gloucester*, under the Care of the Pilot, and went by *Salem*.
Land to the First-day Meeting at *Salem*, and from thence to *Elsenborough*, and staid till the Ship came down; and on the 20th of the Month we got to Sea, and had a fair Wind for several Days, and lived very lovingly on board, being respectfully treated by my Sailors. At Sea.

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In this Voyage we had several Meetings on board, the first of which was at the Request of my second Mate, to call the Sailors together in the Cabbm; I not being forward to propose it to them, lest they should suspect me of some Vanity, in desiring to preach to them; they not knowing the Cross of Christ in that Exercise.

On the 24th Day of the Seventh Month, at Noon, our Ship, by Observation, being exactly in the Latitude of *Barbadoes*, we steer'd away West for the Island, and on the 26th we saw it, after five Weeks and one Day leaving Sight of *Cape Henlopen*; we having, after the first few Days, light Winds, Calms, and Head Winds, which made our Passage long, and our Sea Stores almost spent; but now the Sight of Land made the People forget all Uneasiness, and, for this Favour, my Heart was thankful to the great Preserver of Men.

Barbadoes.

This Time we came to a tolerable Market with our Provisions, which made our Stay but short, yet I was divers times at the *Bridge Meeting* of Friends, as also at *Speight's-Town* (where my Concerns chiefly lay) and once at *Pumkin-Hill Meeting*, in which Meeting it was observed to the People, That the Salvation of the Soul is precious, and that true Religion is a solid Thing, a Thing of the greatest Moment to both Body and Soul, and that People ought to be very serious and solidly concern'd about it, taking special Care to lay, or build, their Religion on a sure Foundation; it was shewed them, that Christ Jesus was the sure Rock and Foundation of all the Righteous, in all Ages; he was the Rock that followed *Israel*, which they drank of; any other Foundation than him, no Man can lay; who is, in the truly Religious, and the true Believers, *the Hope of their Glory*.—Many other precious Truths were manifested to us, in that Meeting, for which we praised the Lord.

Bridge-Town.

Soon after I went to *Bridge Town* to clear out the Vessel, and was at their Week-day Meeting: The Subject-matter I had to treat of in that Meeting, was, That

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That the Lord bringeth low, and he raiseth up again; and that, in divers Respects, as to Kingdoms, Families, and particular Persons; and as to Health, Wealth, Honour, &c. Divers in that Meeting were appealed to as Witnesses of it.—After this Meeting I went to visit the Governor who was courteous to me, and took my Visit kindly, and desired to be remembered to our Governor, and several others, and wished me a prosperous Voyage, and well back again, which he hoped would be in about three Months.—He said, *Whoever lived to see it, Pennsylvania would be the Metropolis of America, in some Hundreds of Years.*—He said, *He loved down-right, honest Men; but he bated Deceit and Hypocrisy.* A great Man, and a great Expression!

The 21st of the Eighth Month 1729, we, having done our Business, weigh'd Anchor, and went to Sea: And on the 26th we had a good Meeting with the Ship's Company, for the Service and Worship of God; in which the Gospel of Christ was declared without Partiality, and the reigning Sins of Sailors openly exposed, according to the Doctrine of the Gospel, and the most high Lord entreated to carry on in the Earth the great Work of Reformation.—Hitherto we had fine, pleasant Weather. At Sea.

The Beginning of the Ninth Month we had a very blustering, stormy Time, for many Days, so that we could not carry Sail, but sometimes lay by, and sometimes went with a reef'd Main-sail and Fore-sail; the Ship had such a violent Motion, that it broke our Glasses, and about a Dozen Bottles of Wine, and our Earthen-ware, and strained our Hogsheads and Casks, so that we pump'd out Molasses into the Sea, and beat us back many Leagues, and blew our Sails out of the Bolt-ropes.

After those Storms we had a Calm, and the Wind sprung up westerly; our Course being North-west, or thereabouts, we could bearly lay our Course; yet, it being moderate, we had Cause to be thankful.

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The 12th of the Ninth Month we found ourselves in the Latitude of 36 Deg. 17. Min. North; but the Wind was a-head, and our fresh Stock of Provisions almost expended, and Winter coming on a-pace, the Nights dark and long, made it seem tedious to our People; the which I was helped to bear with Patience.

The 14th Day, about eight o'Clock at Night, *John Plasket*, one of the best of our Sailors, thro' the violent Pitching of the Ship, fell into the Sea from off the Bowsprit; one of the Sailors, seeing him fall, nimbly threw a Rope to him, which he caught hold of, and the People helped him into the Ship; though in all Probability, he had perished in the Sea, if he had miss'd taking hold of the Rope. I was thankful to the Almighty for this young Man's Life, and took it as a great Favour from Heaven. The next Day it was dreadful stormy, the Wind blew violently at South-west, with Lightning, Thunder, and much Rain; the Seas ran so high, and the Ship had such a great Motion, that the Goods, or Casks, shifted in the Hold, and we lay by till next Day; our Sails also were much torn, and, in many Places, blown out of the Bolt-ropes, so that we were half a Day mending them, and then proceeded on our Voyage home, where we arrived the latter End of the Month.

After I came home from this Voyage, in the small Stay I was on Shore, I was divers Times at Meetings at *Philadelphia* and *Frankfort*, and was also at *German-town*, at the Burial of our antient Friend *Dennis Cunrad*, who was one of the first Settlers of this Town (as I understood the first Meeting of Friends, for Worship, in it, was kept at his House) He was a Man of an inoffensive Life, much given to Hospitality, and left a good Report behind him: The Meeting was large, and many of the first Settlers of the Country were there. I was also at the Burial of *Catherine*, the Daughter of *Thomas Lightfoot*, the Wife of *James Miller*, a worthy Woman, who died soon after

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after their Arrival from *Ireland*, and was buried from our Great-meeting-house in *Philadelphia*, in a decent and exemplary Manner. 1729.

The latter End of the Tenth Month, *Samuel Harrison* of *New-York*, and *Obadiab Lawrence* of *Long-Island*, favour'd me with their Company all Night at our House, where we called the Family together, and had a seasonable Time to take Leave, they of me, and I of them, and my Family also; and the next Day divers very dear Friends came with me to the Boat, to the River Side, to take Leave, and we parted with Hearts full of Love and Good-will to each other. Frankfort.

So I went on board at *Wiccacoe* and had a cold Passage down the River and Bay, and left the *Capes* the 1st of the 11th Month (being the third Voyage as Master) and the 17th we pass'd the *Tropick of Cancer*. At Sea. Hitherto we had a comfortable Passage, and though we had a crowded Ship, yet we had Peace and Quietness to a greater Degree than I expected; for Men that use the Seas, are, too generally, inconstant as the Wind and Waters they wade through. We had several Meetings on board the Vessel in this Voyage, and were at Sea about four Weeks, before we arriv'd at *Barbadoes*, and when we arriv'd, the Markets were dull, which occasioned our Stay so long as about twelve Weeks. During which Time, I had divers religious and good Opportunities with those of our own, and other Societies, I believe to general Satisfaction; having the good Wishes of People of all Ranks, from the Governor to the poor Negroes; all of whom I profess Love to for Christ's Sake. Barbadoes.

This Voyage, in our Return home, we had a full Ship, and upwards of thirty Passengers, and was on our Passage home about a Month, and had good comfortable Weather therein. Philadelphia.

Soon after I came home from *Barbadoes*, in the Third Month 1730, I went to a Meeting at *Burlington*, at which was married *Thomas Evans*; *Margaret Preston* 1730. Burlington.

1730. *Preston* was also there; It was a good Meeting. I crossed the River *Delaware* twice, visited a sick Person, and rode thirty Miles that Day. I also went to the *Falls* Meeting, and, after said Meeting, appointed *Neshaminy*, another at *Neshaminy* the same Day; after which, I went with *Joseph Kirkbride* to *William Paxton's*, and lodged: Next Morning *Joseph Kirkbride* rode with me home, and thence to *Philadelphia*. I was divers Times at *Philadelphia*, *Frankfort*, and *German-town*, and at the General-meeting at *Frankfort*, where our Friend *John Cadwallader* was married; *Isaac Norris*, *Samuel Preston*, and *Margaret* his Wife, and *John Oxley*, were at this Meeting, with many other Friends, a good Share of whose Company I got home with me, of which I was glad, ever loving and coveting the Company of good Men and Women.

Fourth
Voyage.

I was now preparing for the fourth Voyage, as Master of the *New Bristol Hope*, for *Barbadoes*; but it grew harder and harder for me to leave my Family, which, for many Considerations, was very Exercising; yet I was obliged to continue going to Sea, upon an honourable Account; *i. e.* That no Person might suffer by me, if I could help it; and having got our Vessel loaded, we sailed from *Philadelphia* the 9th of the Fifth Month. Next Day came to an Anchor at *Chester*, and visited my old Friend *David Lloyd*, who, with his good Spouse *Grace*, treated me with tender, Christian Love; the Judge and I, being old Acquaintance, and both of us in Years, and he not well, we took Leave, as if we were not to see one another any more (which happened accordingly, for he died before I returned.)

Salem.

We weighed Anchor at *Chester*, and got down to *Elfenborough*, and went to *Salem* Meeting (it being First-day of the Week, and 12th of the Month) with some of our Passengers and Sailors. The Meeting was pretty large, and I was earnestly concerned for their

their Welfare (as I had often been when I was absent) and was glad I was with them that Day. 1730.

After this Meeting we proceeded on our Voyage, and left the *Capes* the 15th of the aforesaid Month; had small and contrary Winds, and sometimes Calms, until the 2d of the Sixth Month, and First-day of the Week, when the Wind was at South and a hard Gale, the Sea high, and the Ship having a great Motion, therefore we had not a Meeting as usual: Many of the Passengers were very Sea-sick; as for my Part, I thought, if the Almighty was but with me, that would make up for all Difficulties; for in him was, and is my Life and chiefest Joy: And, as an Answer of Peace in my tossed Condition, I sometimes had comfortable Times; being inwardly refreshed with the Love and Presence of God; not only in the Day, but also in the Night, in my Sleep; out of which I was awakened one Morning (in the Morning Watch) with these comfortable Words, *He took me to his Banqueting House, and his Banner over me was Love.* These Expressions were so fresh in my Mind, for some Days, that I could not forbear but bless the holy Name of the living Lord secretly in my Soul.

The 16th of the Sixth Month we arrived at *Barbadoes*. The 17th there arose, about Midnight, a hard Gale of Wind, which the *Barbadians* call a *Hurricane*, or *Tornado*, and blew more than ten Vessels ashore, great and small, which were wholly lost; and our Ship was very near the Rocks, People looking every Minute when she would come on Shore; but, through divine Fayour, we escaped, with only the Boat stove against the Rocks: I would have got on board, but that was impracticable; but I got on the highest Place I could, from which I could see them in the Ship, and they me on shore; for we could not, for the Violence of the Wind, hear one another; yet they were so near the Fort, where I stood, that I could discern them one from another, and they me

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from the Multitude of People (many being in the Fort with me) I seeing the chief Mate look towards me, I waved my Hat to him, and he, in answer, his to me; then I made a Signal to him to go to Sea, which they immediately did, letting slip their Cables, and went to Sea without either Boat, Anchor, or Cables, and came in the next Day, and got their Cables, and Anchors again, to the great Joy of many of the Inhabitants, whose hearty Prayers were for our Safety, as many of them told me. This, among many others, I put in my Calender of Deliverances, and Preservations from imminent Dangers, by the Hand of divine Providence.

We staid this Time in *Barbadoes* about five Weeks, leaving the Island the 27th of the Seventh Month; and there I met with *Robert Jordan*, my Friend and Brother in the Work and Fellowship of the Gospel of Christ, who took his Passage with us for *Philadelphia*, whose Company was pleasant and comfortable. One Evening he was repeating some Verses of the excellent *Addison's*, which I willingly transcribed, as well in Memory of that great Author, as also that they answered my State and Condition in my watry Travels, and in the Extrems of Heat and Cold, and some poisonous Airs I have often breathed in. They are as follow;

I.
How are thy Servants blest, O Lord!

How sure is their Defence!

Eternal Wisdom is their Guide,

Their Help Omnipotence!

II.
In foreign Realms, and Lands remote,

Supported by thy Care;

Through burning Climes I pass'd unhurt,

And breath'd in tainted Air.

III.
Thy Mercy sweet'ned every Soil,

I Made every Region please,

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The hoary *Alpine* Hills it warm'd,
And smooth'd the *Tyrrhene* Seas.

IV.

Think, O my Soul! devoutly think,
How, with affrighted Eyes,
Thou saw'st the wide, extended Deep,
In all its Horrors, rise,

V.

Confusion dwelt in ev'ry Face,
And Fear in every Heart,
When Waves on Waves, and Gulphs on Gulphs,
O'ercame the Pilot's Art.

VI.

Yet, then, from all my Grievs, O Lord!
Thy Mercy set me free,
Whilst in the Confidence of Prayer,
My Soul took hold on thee.

VII.

For though in dreadful Whirls we hung,
High on the broken Wave,
I knew thou wert not slow to hear,
Nor impotent to save.

VIII.

The Storm was laid, the Wind retir'd,
Obedient to thy Will;
The Sea, that roar'd at thy Command,
At thy Command was still.

IX.

In Midst of Dangers, Fears and Death,
Thy Goodness I'll adore;
And praise thee for thy Mercies past,
And humbly hope for more.

X.

My Life, if thou preserv'st my Life,
Thy Sacrifice shall be;
And Death, if Death must be my Doom
Shall join my Soul to thee.

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The 4th of the Eighth Month, we met with a hard Gale of Wind, which broke the Tiller of our Rudder, and split our Bowspit and Main-sail, and overfet many of our Chests; *Robert Jordan* narrowly missed his Chest falling on him from one Side of the Ship to the other, which we looked on as a merciful Providence, and spoke of it to one another, remembring *Addison's* Verses, which the Night before were repeated.

In this Passage we saw three Vessels only; it was a blustering Time, but the shortest from Land to Land that ever I had, being but 14 Days and 14 Hours from the Sight of *Barbadoes* to the Sight of the Main-land: We arrived at *Philadelphia* the 16th of the Eighth Month.

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In the Ninth Month I proceeded on a fifth Voyage (as Master) to *Barbadoes*, and went down the River *Delaware* on the Seventh-day, and on First-day, was at *Chester* Meeting, at which Time there was a Burial of a Child, and a large Meeting: Our Friends at *Chester* were glad to see me, and I them, and after Meeting we set sail, and went down the River to *Elsenborough*, where came to and landed *Robert Worthington*, whose Son *Ezra* was on board, and went to *Barbadoes* for his Health, being in a deep Consumption.

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This Voyage we were on our Passage about 33 Days before we arrived at *Barbadoes*, when after doing my Business, and visiting our Friends Meetings in about five Weeks, we put to Sea the 10th of the Twelfth Month, and sailed along to Leeward of divers Islands, till we came to *Anguilla*, where we landed in Expectation to get Salt, but at this Time was not any to be had there. We came to an Anchor here in the Night, hoping to get to an Harbour before it was dark; but it soon being very dark, and coming into shoal Water, we saw a large Rock, and came to by the Side of it, in about five or six Fathom Water, taking it to be a Ship, and when it was Day we saw our Mistake, and that

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that instead of a Vessel, we were too nigh a Rock, and the Wind coming about, tail'd our Ship towards it so near, that we were sensible of touching twice; I order'd the Men to heave a little farther a-head, and so we lay clear till Morning. When Morning came, of which we were glad, several Boats, with a Cable, came to us, and the People advis'd us to put a Spring on our Cable, and cut it, that she might cast the right Way; which accordingly we did, and it had the desired Effect; so that we soon got into a very fine Harbour, it being about a Mile off. Many Thanks were given by many of the People for this Deliverance to the Almighty. *George Leonard*, the Governor of this Island, heard in the Morning, that a Vessel was on the Rocks, and the People were running with Saws and Axes, in order to break her up, if she should not be got off: The Governor seeing them, sent a Lieutenant with Orders, that let her belong to what Nation soever, they should help to get her off, if it could be, and if she was likely to be made a Wreck, he charged them at their Peril not to meddle with her, nor any Thing belonging to her, until they had first come to Terms with the Master, which is worthy to be recorded.

We stay'd several Days before we could get our Anchor; for after we were in the Harbour, it blew very hard for four or five Days; so that with our four Oars we could not row our Boat a-head, but watching for a Calm one Night, our People went and got it, and then we went into the principal Road and Harbour in the Island called *Croaker's-Bay*; the Name of that we came from was *Rendezvous-Bay*, where lived a very kind Friend of ours, named *John Rumney*, who, with his Wife and Family, treated us with great Love, and courteously received us into their House, and he went with me to the Governor's, who was my old Acquaintance and Friend, who, with much Love and Tenderness (when he knew me) took me in his Arms, and embraced me, and lovingly saluted me with a Kiss of Charity,

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Charity, and thanked God for our Deliverance, and that he had lived to see me once more (I having been there some Years before) he was seventy odd Years of Age, as I remember, and had eighty odd who called him Father: They living much on Roots and Pulse, are very healthy in this Island. I was here nine Days, and had seven Meetings with the People; the longer I staid the larger the Meetings were; so that I had some Difficulty to leave them. Through the Grace and Gift of God I was helped to preach the Gospel of Christ freely, and they received it both freely and thankfully, divers, if not all; for theirs and my Heart was very open one to another, the holy Lord's Name be praised for ever.

The 3d of the First Month *Ezra Wortbrington* died, and the 4th in the Afternoon he was buried on the Plantation of *John Rumney*, near his House; the Governor and his Son-in-Law were at the Burial, where I told them, that he was an inoffensive, innocent, sober young Man, and that Death was to be the End of us here, putting them in mind to remember their latter End. After I had done speaking, the Governor said, *That Death was a Debt due to Nature, and that we must all pay it, and blessed is the Man that in Time truly prepares for it.* This was a good Expression for a Man in his Post, and worthy of my Notice, as I thought.

I was at one Meeting, where was the Governor and his Daughter, with divers of the best and soberest People of this Island; it was a satisfactory Meeting, which ended in Prayer; and when I arose from my Knees I found the Governor on one Side, and his Daughter on the other Side of me, both on their Knees; a Posture in which People are too seldom found in this degenerate Age of the World.

Sail, from
Anguilla.

On the 10th of the First Month, we departed from the Island of *Anguilla*, with a pleasant Gale; and had fair Weather and Winds for several Days; I spent some

some Time of this Voyage in Reading, and met with 1731.
 a Passage of, or concerning Friendship; the Comfort
 and Beauty of it therein was notably set forth, yet
 most who treat upon that noble Subject, place (too ge-
 nerally) the Felicity thereof in Humanity: Whereas
 true and lasting Friendship is of a divine Nature, and
 can never be firmly settled without divine Grace:
 Christ Jesus is the prime Friend of Mankind, and from
 whom all true and lasting Friendship springs and flows,
 as from a living Fountain, himself being the head
 Spring thereof; out of which holy Fountain hath
 sprung as followeth, *Henceforth I call you Not Servants,
 and ye are my Friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.*
 And again, *By this shall all Men know that ye are my
 Disciples, if ye love one another.* O holy Expressions!
 much to be admired, and worthy every true and
 good Man's and Woman's Imitation and Practice.
 Observe, that when they had done whatsoever Christ
 had commanded them, then they were to be his
 Friends, and they were not only to be his Friends, but
 one anothers Friends, as he was theirs, and if Occa-
 sion were, as he died, so they would die for one ano-
 ther: By this Mark and truest Seal of the truest
 Friendship, all the World should know they belong'd
 to Christ, that they were united to him, and in him
 united to one another: Nothing but Disobedience and
 Sin can ever separate this Friendship.

Against this Friendship, which is in Christ, and
 grounded and founded upon him, the Gates of Hell
 can never prevaill; all Friendship, upon any Consi-
 deration, meerly human, is brittle and uncertain, and
 subject to Change, or Mutability, as Experience hath
 taught in all Ages.

If any Person hath a Desire to have a particular
 Friend, let that Person be sure to make Choice of
 Christ, and such as choose him, have a Friend in whom
 all lasting Peace, Comfort and Delight, Joy and Plea-
 sure is, and in him alone is to be enjoyed for ever.

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At Sea.

The 20th of the First Month, being the first of the Week, we had a comfortable Meeting for divine Worship, in which the Goodness of God was extended to us as we were rowling on the mighty Waters of the great Deep, after which we had pleasant Weather, and a fair Wind for several Days.

On the 26th the Wind sprung up at East North-East, a hard Gale, which lasted several Days; and having but little Sea-room for about thirty Hours, it blew so hard, that we could dress no Victuals; I then thought on the Words of *Job*, when he spoke to his impatient Wife, saying, *Shall we receive Good at the Hand of God, and shall we not receive Evil also?* (or that which is accounted or looks like Evil in the Eye of Man) In this Time of Exercise the Love and heavenly Life of God, in his beloved Son, filled my Heart, and caused an Overflowing of Praises to his holy, glorious, and blessed Name. Oh! it was exceeding precious to my Soul at that Time!

The 1st of the Second Month we saw Land, being driven to the Southward near 250 Miles in this last hard Weather; but we soon after arrived at our desired Port,

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After which I visited the Meetings of Friends at Philadelphia, Burlington, the Falls, Abington, Germantown, Bristol, and Frankfort, and found the People had been under a general Visitation of the Small-pox, insomuch that many Hundreds, especially of Children, were taken off the Stage of this Life in the City of Philadelphia, and I was concerned to exhort Friends in that City to bring their Children to Meetings, and educate them, when young, in the Way they should go, that they might not depart from it when old; and that he who had taken many away, could, if he pleased, take many more; for though he might have laid down his Rod at present (the Distemper in the City being much abated) he could soon take it up again. It is my Belief that the Lord Almighty will still continue to visit the City and People (if there is not a Reformation)

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tion) with further, if not sofer, Visitations, because he hath known them to do them good, and make them a Blessing to many Islands and People; giving them the Fatness of the Earth, and that which is far more, the Dew of Heaven; so that he may justly say to us, as to Israel of old, *You have I known of all the Families of the Earth; therefore I will visit upon you for all your Iniquities.*

In the Beginning of the Fourth Month, Robert Jordan was married to Mary, the Widow of Richard Hill (all three worthy Friends.) The Meeting on this Occasion was large, and the Marriage solemnized in the Fear of God. Divers Friends were concerned to speak to the People, and it was greatly desired that those present (who were then spoke to) might be married to Christ, the great Lover of Souls; who laid down his Life (the most precious Life that ever was on Earth) and shed his precious Blood for our Salvation.

A few Days after which I again took Shipping for the Island of Barbadoes (being the sixth Voyage) in the *New Bristol Hope*, and left the Capes of Delaware the eighth Day of the Month. The 22d of the said Month, I being weary, laid me down to rest, and fell asleep, and was awakened out of my Sleep with the Words, *Oh Heart in Heaven! 'Tis an excellent Thing to have an Heart in Heaven!* Which Words were comfortable to me, and left a Sweetness on my Mind all the Day after, for which I was thankful, and greatly desired that my Heart and Mind might be set and fixed more and more on Heaven and heavenly Things, and that my Treasure might be in Heaven, that my Heart might be there also, according to the Doctrine of my Saviour, Mat. vi. 6, 20, 21. *Lay up for yourselves Treasure in Heaven, for where your Treasure is, there will your Heart be also.*

The 27th Day (being the First Day of the Week) we had a comfortable Meeting, the Weather being moderate; and on the 7th of the Fifth Month, we arrived at Bridge-town in Barbadoes.

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1731. Part of our Cargo, and from thence we went to *Speight's-Town*; where, after a Stay of about five Weeks, we accomplished our Affairs. I also visited all our Friends Meetings, and some several Times, in which we were edified and comforted, and divers of us had Occasion to bless the holy Name of God for his Mercy to us: Before we left the Island, there happened a great Storm or Hurricane, which did much Damage to the Ships, and to the Island, blowing down many Houses, and spoiling much Provisions, destroying almost all the Plantain Trees on the Island, which is a very wholesome and pleasant Fruit, and much used by many instead of Bread.

Hurricane.

I was clearing out our Vessel when this Storm happened, and being twelve Miles off, could not hear of or concerning her, but thought it altogether unlikely that she should ride out so great a Storm, in so bad a Harbour or Road, it being open to the Sea, and such a Storm as had not been known for many Years, and some said, never but one (to their Knowledge) though much more Damage hath at some other Times been done to the Shipping, by reason that the hardest of the Wind was not that Way, which was most dangerous to them in *Carlisle-Bay*, where they mostly lay; for they all got out to Sea, except two or three that were lost by the Violence of the Weather. It was indeed a very dismal Time, the Vessels which rode it out were much damnified, and one being loaded, ready to sail, sunk right down, and was lost in the Bay. When I had cleared our Ship, I set forward in order to see what was become of her; but the Floods were so out, and the Ways were so bad, I could not without some Danger get to her that Night; but next Morning I set out from *Joseph Gamble's*, and, to my Admiration, from the Top of a Hill (on which a House in the Storm was blown flat to the Ground) I saw our Ship at an Anchor, having rode out the Storm, with one Sloop

Sloop by her, for which Cause my Soul was humbly thankful. 1731.

On the 17th of the said Month, with some more than ordinary Fatigue, we got up our Anchor, and took in our Boat, and got our Passengers and Provisions on board, the Sea breaking high on the Shore, so that several of our People and our Boat were in Jeopardy of being lost; but at length being all on board, we set Sail, and having sailed slowly about six or seven Miles, we met with a Sloop who had lost her Mast in the Storm, and next Morning we met with two large London Ships, who had put out to Sea, not venturing to ride it out.

Sails from Barbadoes.

We had fine pleasant Weather for several Days after we left the Island, and on the 22d of the Sixth Month (being the first Day of the Week) we had a Meeting for the Worship of God, which was comfortable and satisfactory to us. The 4th and 5th of the Seventh Month, we had very fresh Gales from the North-East to the North, and was near a Water Spout (about a Stone's throw off) which surprized some on board, on which I came out of my Cabbin, and saw the Water run up out of the Sea into the Cloud, as plain as ever I saw the Water run into the River, till it filled the Cloud with Blackness, and then it would break in great Quantities into the Sea, which is dangerous, when falling on Vessels. The 5th of the Month, being the first Day of the Week, we had a good religious Meeting for divine Worship, wherein our People were earnestly exhorted to a holy Life, and to be earnestly concerned for the true Faith, which is in Christ; that Faith which works by Love, and is the Evidence of Things not visibly seen, being manifest by Works of Piety and Virtue. In this Voyage we were twenty two Days from the Island of Barbadoes to the Sight of Cape Henry in Virginia, and had a pleasant Passage in the main to Philadelphia, where, in the Seventh Month, was held our Yearly-meeting, at which I had a Desire to be, my watery Employment having

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1731. hinder'd my being at a yearly Meeting for several Years: At this Meeting I met with my old Acquaintance, and dear Friends, *John Richardson* of *Yorkshire*, and *Paul Johnson* of *Dublin*, both on a Gospel Visit to the Brethren and Friends in *America*: The Meeting was large, and attended with divine Grace and Goodness, and ended with Thanksgiving and Praise to God and the Lamb.

While our Ship was loading I was at several Meetings in the Country, as at *Abington*, *German-town*, *Fair-bill*, and *Frankfort*, in *Philadelphia* County; and at the *Falls of Delaware*, *Buckingham*, *Neshaminy*, and *Bristol*, in *Bucks* County. I was also at *Burlington*, at the Marriage of *William Callender*, junior, of *Barbadoes*, with *Katherine Smith*, Daughter of *Daniel* and *Mary Smith* of *Burlington*.

A seventh
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as Master.

On the 16th of the Ninth Month I proceeded on the seventh Voyage to *Barbadoes*, in the Ship *New Bristol Hope*, as Master, having on board several Passengers, one of whom (*Elizabeth Martindale*) was on the Passage convinced of the Principles of Truth, and afterwards suffered, in divers Respects, for her making Profession with us.

Arrives at
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We had a long Passage down the River, the Wind being high and boisterous. On the 22d of the Ninth Month, we left the *Capes of Delaware*, and saw the Island of *Barbadoes* the 21st of the Tenth Month, before it was Day, and in the Afternoon came to an Anchor in the Bay of *Speight's-Town*. In this Voyage I met with an Accident that was painful and troublesome to me, which happened in a hard Gale of Wind, I being to the Windward, and the Ship having a large Motion, and missing my Hold, was canted from my Place to the other Side of the Vessel, against the Edge of a Chest, and so bruised my Leg that I could not do my Business as I usually did, which was a great Hindrance and Disappointment to me: But in about a Month's Time, with the Assistance of some of my Friends

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Friends there, I got indifferently through it, and also rode to *Bridge-Town*, and had several Meetings there. I was also at several good and comfortable Meetings at *Spieght's-Town*, where we had one the Day we sail'd, being the 21st of the Eleventh Month; and on the Sea-shore parted with our Friends in great Love, and set Sail, the Wind being about North-East, so that we could not weather the Island of *Martinico*; we therefore sail'd along by the Islands of *Dominico*, and *Guardaloupe*, and had Calms under the Islands, and sometimes the eddy Winds from off the Mountains, or high Lands, would take the Sails, and carry the Ship clear round, which made it sometimes tedious. The 23d and 24th we pass'd 'by the Islands of *Montserrat*, *Antigua*, *Rodondo*, *Chirstopher's*, *Nevis*, *Bartholomew*, *Statia*, *Saba*, *Barbuba*, *Martin's*, and *Anguilla*, the Winds and the Weather being fair and pleasant. The 25th in the Evening, it began to be hazy; and, in the Night we split our Main-top-sail, which cost us a great deal of Labour, and Loss of Time, before we could get it mended and set again. We had pretty fair Weather about 20 Days, until we came on our Coast, and into Soundings; when a hard Gale of Wind springing up Easterly, which setting on the Shore, was dangerous, and we had a long Night coming on; but, through the Favour of the Almighty, we got off from the Land. In the Midst of the Danger of this Storm, my Soul sang Praises to the Lord.

The 12th of the Twelfth Month we met with another Easterly Storm, being in about thirty Fathom Water, it blew, and rain'd very hard, and was also exceeding cold, and our coming from a hot Climate made it more hard to bear. In this Storm we saw divers Lights, which the Sailors call *Corpusants*, one of them was exceeding bright, and sat, as near as I can compute it, about Half an Hour on our Main-top-mast Head, plain to the View of all the Ship's Company,

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This Storm continued all Night till Day, when it abated, and it being the first of the Week, we had a comfortable Meeting, in which the People on board were advised to get divine and heavenly Learning, and not to be Fools in Religion, or in the Things of God, nor to hate his true Knowledge; for if they had all the natural Knowledge, and brightest natural Parts in the World, they would be but Fools without the true Fear of God, which the wise King Solomon says, *Is the Beginning of Wisdom.*

The 27th of the Month we saw *Cape Henlopen*, having been 27 Days from the Island of *Barbadoes*: This was a close, foggy Day, we could see but very little before us, and had like to have been a-ground on the Shoals, which they call the *Hen and Chickens*, but went between them and the *Cape*, in three Fathom Water; the Wind blowing hard at South, we went up the Bay by the Lead; for we could not see the Land; and the Gale being so fresh, we got to *Bombay-Hook*, from our *Capes*, in about six Hours, which is accounted twenty Leagues, where we came to an Anchor, and there met with abundance of Ice. Merciful was the Deliverance and Preservation we met with, from the Hand of the Almighty, this Voyage; may we ever gratefully remember it! About a League above *Bombay-Hook*, when the Fog broke up, we found ourselves close on the *Jersey Shore*; and the Wind sprung up at North-west, and obliged us to come to an Anchor, where the Ice came down upon us, which surprized some of us much. The sudden coming out of so hot a Climate, into one so severely cold, had a bad Effect on most of our Ship's Company; and for my own Part, I had a sore Fit of the *Phthysick*, and was, at Times, almost breathless, and thought I must die, for I could hardly breathe, or speak; but yet I resolved, as long as I was capable of Thoughts, I would think of God, and

and my beloved Jesus; in which Thoughts and Meditations I found some Comfort and Consolation. I sat up for divers Nights, not being able to lie down for want of Breath; and I could not drink any strong Drink, as Rum, Wine, Ale, or Punch, such as the Sailors drank; but, instead thereof, I drank Sage Tea, which was very helpful to me.

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The next Day, the Ice came down more and more upon us, and we feared to put back, because, if we had gone a-ground in the Bay, the Ice might have demolished us; so we took the most convenient Time we could, and got up our Anchor, with some Difficulty, and stood for *Reedy-Island*, one of the best Harbours upon *Delaware*; but, the Wind and Tide failing us, we could not get in; and the Ebb brought down the Ice mightily on us, so that it took away the Head of our Vessel, and cut her Sides very much. The next Tide we got into the Harbour, and lay close to *Reedy-Island*, making the Ship fast on Shore. While we lay here, several Vessels came to us, and fasten'd on Shore as we did. The Ice drove one Vessel on us, and broke our Spritsail Yard. Here I went on Shore, where the People were very kind to us, particularly the Sheriff of the County, *John Gooding*, and his Wife and Family. I went also to the House of *John M'Cool*, who, with his Wife, were very tender in their Care and Love towards me; bathing my swell'd and benumb'd Limbs until the Frost was pretty well out of them. The Good-will, and tender Love and Care, I here met with, affects my Mind in the noting of it: I pray the most High, whom I love and serve, to be their Rewarder.

I had two Meetings at our Meeting-house at *George's-Creek*, where was People of divers Perswasions, who gave good Attention. For these Meetings I was truly thankful; for though, through the extream Cold, I could hardly speak when on board, I now spoke freely, much to my Admiration, and I believe to

1731. the Peoples Satisfaction, more than is proper for me to mention, wherefore I praise God: When the Weather was a little more open, and the Ice gone, we sailed up the River to *Philadelphia*, where I was joyfully received by my Friends; and while the Vessel was repairing and fitting for another Voyage, I was not idle, but visited Friends Meetings at *Philadelphia*, *Burlington*, *Abington*, *German-town*, *Biberry*, *Fair-bill*, and *Frankfort*, being sometimes at four or five Meetings a Week. I was also at *Haddonfield* and *Evesham* Meetings in *West-Jersey*; both good and comfortable Meetings, and will not easily be forgotten; for therein God was graciously pleased to visit us with his Word, blessed be his Name.

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The 4th of the Third Month, we again set sail for *Speight's-Town* in *Barbadoes*; and the 6th of the Month, about six in the Morning, left the *Capes of Delaware*. From the Time we left the Sight of the *Capes of Delaware*, to the Sight of *Barbadoes*, was Twenty-five Days (which was the quickest Voyage that ever I had in this Ship) in which Time we had three Meetings for the publick Worship of Almighty God, and to me they were beneficial; and for God's Goodness, I could do no less than return Praise to him, who alone is worthy for ever.

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After I had done my Business at *Barbadoes*, and visited Friends Meetings, on the 5th of the Fifth Month I sailed for *South Carolina*, touched at the Island of *Christopher's*, and landed some Passengers there. From thence we went to Sea, and the same Night we had a Storm, but suffered little, the Wind being for us, that we went before it, and after it was over, we had a pleasant Passage of about fourteen Days to the Coast of *Carolina*; and when we saw the Land, the Wind came against us, which made some of our Passengers very uneasy; but in meditating on the infinite Being, I was favoured with inward Comfort and strong Consolation,

solation, so that I was humbly thankful, and praised God. 1732

We were prevented by contrary Winds, and a strong Current, from getting into *Charlestown*, and while we were beating about the Coast, we met with a Vessel which came from thence, who gave us Intelligence that many People died suddenly, and that they buried ten or twelve in a Day. Hearing such News, and the Wind being still against us, our Passengers, who intended for *Carolina*, concluded to go for *Philadelphia*; so we tacked about, and stood for *Delaware-Bay*, and then we had a fresh Gale a-head again for several Days, and spending so much Time on the Coast, our Water was far expended, and we agreed to come to an Allowance of Water, a Quart a Man for Twenty-four Hours, for several Days before we got in. We were about five Weeks in our Passage from *Barbadoes* to *Delaware River*.

Soon after our Arrival at *Philadelphia* we got our Ship on the Ways, in order to refit and sheath her, in which Time I travelled into several Counties, and had many religious Meetings in divers Places, in which I had good Satisfaction; and my old Acquaintance and Friends said, they rejoiced to see me again after my Sea Voyages. I was thankful in my Heart for the Goodwill of my good Master, and of my Friends, in those Journeys, which was, and, I hope, ever will be better to me than choice Silver, and fine Gold.

The Winter setting in about a Month sooner than usual, many Vessels were detained from going to Sea, being frozen up; also many Vessels could not come from Sea up the River, so that a great Damp was put on Trade, and the Frost coming so suddenly, many People were taken with Colds, and many died in both the Provinces of *New-Jersey* and *Pennsylvania*. My dear Friend and kind Landlord *Paul Preston*, died about this Time, who, on his dying Bed, said, *He had no Desire to live, but to do Good, and that it had been his*

1732. *Care to keep a Conscience void of Offence towards God, and to all Men, which now was his Comfort.* The hard Weather continuing, I found an Exercise and Concern on my Mind to visit Friends Meetings in the County of Bucks, in *Pensylvania*, and the County of *Burlington* in *West-Jersey*; in both which I was at above twenty Meetings in about twenty Days. In this Journey I was favoured with the Grace and Goodness of the divine Hand to a greater Degree than I was worthy of, though I was exceeding poor in my Spirit, and, in my own Judgment, very weak for Service and Labour, both in Body and Mind; our Meetings, considering the severe Season, were large, and, I hope, they were to general Edification.

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On the 25th of the Tenth Month, being the reputed Birth Day of our Lord Jesus Christ, at a little Town, near the Falls, called *Bordentown*, we had a Meeting (where never any had been before of our Friends) in one of the Houses newly built by *Joseph Borden*, the Proprietor of the Place: He entertained us lovingly at his House, when he was so generous as to offer Ground for a Grave-Yard, and to build a Meeting-house on, and a handsome Sum of Money towards building it, though he did not make Profession to be of our Society. Some that were at this Meeting, who did not profess with us, came over the Creek on the Ice to *Isaac Horner's* in the Evening, where we had a satisfactory Meeting, in which God, through Christ, was glorified. *Daniel Stanton* (my Wife's Sister's Son) accompanied me in this Journey, whose Company and Ministry was acceptable, both to me and Friends, and we had Meetings at the Falls, *Bristol*, *Middletown*, *Wright's-Town*, *Bordentown*, *Croswicks*, *Mansfield*, *Upper and Lower Springfield*, *Mount Holly*, *Rancocas*, *Evesham*, and *Chester*, and divers Evening-meetings at several Friends Houses. It now being a sickly Time I was often sent for to visit the Sick, in which

which Visits we were comforted, and God's holy Name was praised. 1732.

On the 18th of the Eleventh Month I was sent for to *Bristol* to visit *Ennion Williams*, who was dangerously ill, and to *Burlington*, to the Burial of *Elizabeth* the Wife of *Jonathan Wright*, who was buried from the great Meeting-house at *Burlington*. The Meeting was very large, she being well beloved by her Neighbours and Acquaintance, being a Woman much given to Hospitality (and indeed many of the Friends of *Burlington* have exceeded in that Respect the most that ever I have observed in my Travels) She was a Pattern of Piety, a loving, obliging Wife, and tender and careful Mother, a kind Neighbour, a loving and faithful Friend, and so continued to the End; for some of her dying Words were, That she desired *her Love might be remembred to all her Friends*, which was done openly in the said Meeting, and tenderly affected many.

After I came home, I was at the Marriage of *William Parker* and *Elizabeth Gilbert*, at which Marriage was our worthy, antient Friend, *John Richardson*, with divers other *European* Friends. The Meeting was large and edifying.

The River still continuing frozen up, I had a Desire to visit my Friends and Brethren in *Chester* County, whom I had not seen for some Years; and in order thereto, in the Beginning of the Twelfth Month, I, with my Kinsman, *Daniel Stanton*, set out from *Philadelphia*, and went to *Newtown*, where we had a Meeting next Day (being the first of the Week) and afterwards an Evening-meeting at *Evan Lewis's*; from thence we went to the Monthly-meeting at *Providence*, on Third-day to *Middletown*, Fourth-day to *Concord*, Fifth-day to *Birmingham*, Sixth-day to *London-Grove*; after which we had an Evening-meeting at a Widow's House: From thence we travell'd on Seventh-day to *Nottingham*, and were at a large Meeting there on First-day, and had an Evening-meeting at a Friend's House,

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House, where some Persons came, who had never been at a Meeting of Friends before; on Second-day we had a Meeting at *Susquehannab* Ferry, to which divers People came over the Ice, and it was a good Opportunity to many of them. Third-day we had a large Meeting at *West-Nottingham*, and in the Evening at *William Brown's*, and next we had a large Meeting at *New-Garden*, and at *Michael Lightfoot's* House we met with two Friends from *Ireland*, *Mungo Bewley* and *Samuel Stephens*, who were now proceeding on the Course of their religious Visit to Friends in *Maryland*, *Virginia*, and *North-Carolina*.——From thence I went to visit my old Friend and Acquaintance *Ellis Lewis*, who had a Desire to see me; We had an Evening-meeting in his Chamber, to our mutual Comfort and Refreshment; and next Day had a very large Meeting in the Meeting-house at *Kennet*; after which we went to *Concord* to the Quarterly-meeting for the County of *Chester*, and were at three Meetings there, and likewise had three Evening-meetings at Friends Houses; at which Meetings we had the Company of my Kinswoman *Alice Alderson*, and her Companion *Margaret Coupland*, who were lately come from the *North of England*, to visit Friends in this and the adjacent Provinces.

We went on Third-day to the General-meeting at *Providence*, which was very large; *Joshua Fielding* and *Ebenezer Large* were there; and we had an Evening-meeting at *Rebecca Minshall's*; and next went to *Chichester*, where we had a larger Meeting than I expected, considering the Season; we lodged at *John Salkeld's*; and on Fifth-day we had a good, open Meeting at *Chester*, and, in the Evening, another at *Grace Lloyd's*; next Day had a Meeting at *Springfield*, which I believe will be remembered by some that were there, when we don't see one another; afterwards we travelled to *Philadelphia*;

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honourable *William Penn*, Governor and Proprietor of
this Province, a wise Man, a good Christian, and a
mild Governor, a great Promoter of Piety and Virtue,
and of good Men. May this his Son walk in his
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In the First Month was our general Spring-meeting,
at which were several Publick Friends from *England*,
viz. *John Richardson*, *Alice Alderson*, and *Magaret*
Coupland. The Meeting was large and edifying, the
said Friends having Service therein to general Satis-
faction.

The 2d of the Second Month I proceeded on a
Voyage to *Barbadoes* (it being the first in the *Snow* 1733:
Barbadoes-Packet, a Vessel built on Purpose for me) We
got to the *Capes* the 20th of the Second Month in the
Evening, where we were obliged to come to an An-
chor; and the 21st we put out to Sea, but the Wind
being against us, and looking like windy Weather, I
concluded to come too under our *Cape*, and wait for a
fair Wind: As soon as our *Snow* came to, we got
our Boat out, and went to *Lewis-Town*; and next *Lewis-*
Day, being First-day, we had a Meeting in the *Town*.
Court-house. In this Town, is an *Episcopal*, and a
Presbyterian Meeting-house; but neither of their
Teachers were that Day in Town, and divers of the
People were glad of a Meeting, and I had a good Op-
portunity with them: After Meeting I went on board,
and weighed Anchor, and had a fair Wind for above At Sea:
a Week after: In which Time we overtook the Ship
Amity,—*Bowling* Master, near the Latitude of
Bermudas; where we had smart Gales of Wind, which
obliged us to carry our Topails double-reeff'd: And,
after having been at Sea 27 Days and one Night, in
which Time we had several Meetings, we saw the *Barbadoes*
Island of *Barbadoes*; though, for the most Part, we had

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had contrary Winds; but all was well, and God blessed, who is for ever worthy.

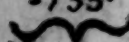
The 20th of the Fourth Month, having done my Business, and also visited Friends Meetings, we sailed for *Philadelphia*; and on the 25th of the Fourth Month, being First-day, we had a seasonable and serviceable Meeting, wherein the Almighty was worshipped and praised, and the People exhorted to Sobriety and Temperance. We were about 20 Days from *Barbadoes* to *Philadelphia*.

After having staid at Home about six Weeks, and visited the Meetings of Friends in divers Places, to mine and their Satisfaction, on the 28th of the Sixth Month, I proceeded on another Voyage for the Island of *Barbadoes*. We left Sight of our *Capes* on the 31st of the said Month. The Winds were for the most Part, contrary, and, before we got into the Trade Wind, we met with two hard Gales; the last of which was a Kind of a Hurricane, in which we could carry no Sail at all, but let the Vessel lie to the Mercy of the Seas, or rather to the Mercy of him that made the Seas, and all that is therein, and in the Earth also. In this Storm we lost a spare Top-mast, and divers other Utensils belonging to the Vessel; but all our People were well and safe. This Voyage we had several comfortable religious Meetings on board, in which we were exhorted to prepare for another and better World, this being so very uncertain and momentary, and full of various Exercises, Temptations, and Afflictions.

I had on board three *Whitehaven* Sailors, *William Tower*son, *William Trimble*, and *William Atkinson*, and I do not remember that I heard either of them swear an Oath during the whole Voyage, which I thought worthy to stand on Record, because it is so rare in sea-faring Men. About the Beginning of the Eighth Month (being in the Latitude of *Barbadoes*) the Thoughts of my leaving my Family and Habitation, and many of my loving Relations, and near and dear Friends

Friends (as at divers other times also) made me pen- 1733.⁷
 sive and sorrowful; but it being on a Principle of Jus-
 tice, and sometimes meeting with the Presence and
 Goodness of God, I was enabled to do my Affairs and
 Business, and forbore to appear sorrowful as much as
 possibly I could, or to be of a sad Countenance in the
 Sight of Men; but to him, who knew all Things,
 and sees in secret, I poured out my Soul in all my Af-
 flictions, for he only is able to help me. I met with
 some who untruly censured me, *as covetous of the
 Things of this World, or to be rich; and that for the
 sake of these outward Things, I might venture my
 Life until I might lose it:* Really, as to my Life,
 it hath long been my Desire to be ready to resign it,
 and is so still: And, as to those outward Things, so
 far as I know, my Heart is clear; Food and Rai-
 ment, and to be clear and even with the World, hav-
 ing rather to give than receive, is all the Grandeur I
 desire, and if that be not granted, I hope to be con-
 tented without it, and to be thankful. I look upon
 Crowns and Scepters, and all the fine Things of this
 World, that are of the Nature of it, but as Trifles,
 and diminutive Things, in comparison of a House and
 Kingdom eternal in the Heavens. In this Voyage, as
 usual, I read in the holy Scriptures, and met with At Sea:
 strong Consolation therein, especially in the New-Te-
 stament; I also read much in the Works of that emi-
 nent Judge and good Christian, *Matthew Hale.*

The 7th of the Eighth Month, we arrived at Bar- Arrives at
badoes, staid three Weeks and one Day, and had divers Barbadoes.
 religious Meetings. I hasten'd to accomplish my Af-
 fairs before Winter, it coming on, and the Time of
 the Year dangerous for sailing on our Coasts. On the
 30th of the Eighth Month we left the Island of Bar-
badoes, bound for *Philadelphia*; and on the 11th of the At Sea.
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1733.  vantage of Good, and the Fountain from whence it flows, or springs; as also the Nature and Disadvantage of Evil; the one being or springing from God, and the other proceeding from Satan, or the Devil, who is the Root of all Evil; and, that Man might be left without Excuse, God hath sent the divine and supernatural Light of his holy Spirit, to show to Mortals what is Good, and what is Evil; in order that they might embrace the Good, and refuse the Evil.

The 21st of the Ninth Month we had a very hard Gale of Wind at North-west, which blew so hard, that it put us by from sailing, so that we were obliged to lay her to the Wind; for, by the Violence thereof, we could not carry any Sail; and it was so dark, that we could neither see Stars nor one another; nor hear one another without we were very near, the Seas rising very high: Indeed the long, stormy and dark Nights were very dismal; and some of our Goods got loose in the Hold. In the Beginning of the Night, about the seventh Hour, *Philip Kearney*, my Apprentice, fell into the Sea and was lost, which was a deep Affliction to us in divers Considerations.

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The 25th we saw the Land, and next Day we came to an Anchor in *Delaware Bay*. The Loss of this Lad, was a Cause that we were not so joyful, as is usual for People to be when come to the Shore.

At Sea:

The latter End of the Tenth Month I went the third Voyage (Commander of the *Barbadoes-Packet*) from *Philadelphia*, bound to *Barbadoes*: We were tow'd through the Ice by two Boats from *Thomas Master's Wharff*, and in two Days got to *Reedy-Island*; from whence we sailed down *Delaware Bay*; where we lay two Nights, the Wind being contrary, blowing hard, the Nights being long, the Days very short, and Weather sharp; we left our *Capes* in the Night, it being dangerous lying in the Bay; and after being out several Days, we had favourable Winds, and pleasant Weather; but when we got into the Trade-Wind, it
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blew hard, and mostly against us; so that the first Land we saw was the Island of *Christopher's*, where we arrived in 20 Days from our *Capes*; and the Market for Provisions being at that Time better than at any other of those Islands, and the Property of the Vessel mostly belonging to me, and the Cargo generally consign'd to me, I disposed of Part of it. Here being no Meeting of our Society on this Island, I had Meetings on board the Vessel in the Harbour, and divers from the Shore, and several Masters of Vessels came to our Meetings, the Snow having large Accommodations for such an Occasion; and, so far as I could understand, the People were generally satisfied, and spoke well of our Meetings.

Of late Times, and also in this Voyage, meeting with many Losses and Crosses, and much Afflictions, and various Exercises, I was ready to say in my Heart, *Lord, why am I thus afflicted now in my declining Years, since thou knows, I love thee above all Things, and that I would not willingly or knowingly offend thee, my great and dear Lord?* It was answered (as though vocally spoken) *My only begotten and beloved Son, who never offended me, suffered much more.* This Word being such an evident Truth, I begg'd Patience to go through all my Sufferings and Afflictions, so that at last I might live with Christ in the glorious Kingdom of God for ever, where I might always bless and praise his holy Name.

Five or six Days after our Arrival at this Island, a Vessel, that came out five or six Days before us, arrived, she meeting with the same boisterous Weather as we did, yet we made our Passage ten or eleven Days sooner: Divers other Vessels, bound to *Barbadoes*, put in here, through these contrary Winds; and when I saw others in the like Circumstances with us, I was the more thankful for being preserved safe, and so soon to this Place; yet it was a considerable Loss and sore Trial not to get to *Barbadoes*, the Island I was bound

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to, and a great Disappointment to me, and many more.

At this Island a Person, whose Name was—*Galloway*, a Man of a great Estate, hearing that I kept Meetings on board the Vessel, kindly invited me to have a Meeting at his House, and said he would give Notice of it to divers of the Gentlemen (as he called them) of the Island, telling me, that I should be welcome to his House, which was much more convenient than the Vessel; but I was not very forward to accept of my Friend *Galloway's* kind Offer, being sensible of my own Weakness and inward Poverty, so that I made several Excuses to evade it; but he obviated them all. 1st, I asked him, *If he could bear the Reproach of having a Quakers Meeting at his House?* He answer'd, *Yes, there is Good and Bad of all Societies.* 2dly, I ask'd, *If his Wife would like it, or be willing that a Meeting should be in the House?* He said, *She desired it, and wou'd be very willing.* 3dly, I ask'd, *If he thought he could sit in Silence?* He told me, *He believ'd he could.* I then told him, I was obliged to him for his kind and friendly Offer; and, God willing, I intended to come, and tell my People of the Ship's Company to come also, and desired him to give Notice of it: The which he did; and there was a large satisfactory Meeting; Oh may the Almighty sanctify it to some Souls, is my Desire!

He and his Wife were both very courteous to me, and invited many of his rich Friends and Relations: His Wife's Father was a Judge in this Island of good Repute. Divers People, of several Professions, were at this Meeting, and many expressed their being glad of it. An Attorney at Law said, he was thankful for the Words he had heard that Day, and, if I would stay with them, he would always come to our Meetings. One Judge *Mills* was at this Meeting, and very kindly invited me to his House. Some meeting me next Day, said, they were sorry they were not there. The

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Mistress of the House told divers of the People, who were Persons of Note, *That they should remember what they had heard*; and spoke it with a religious Concern, as it seem'd to me. When I went to this Meeting, I was very poor, and in much Fear, speaking with a great Concern on my Mind for the Peoples Salvation, and that God, thro' Christ, might be glorified.

After this Meeting, it was (as tho' a Voice) said unto me, *How dost thou know but for this Cause, and for this Meeting, thou art brought here to this Island, tho' against thy Will?* The People told me, that they did not remember that there ever was a Meeting of our Friends before on the Island. The Meeting had this Effect, that the People had a better Opinion of our Society than they had before. The Subject in this Meeting was, *The Excellency of the Gospel Dispensation above that of the Law*, in that it brought us to the Law, went through the Law, and was above the Law, and far from destroying the Law, but fulfilled it; for Proof of which, they were referred to Christ's most excellent Sermon which he preached on the Mount, Mat. v.

From the Island of *Christopher's* I proposed, God willing for *Barbadoes*; the which I apprehended would be a troublesome Voyage, it being about 100 Leagues to Windward, and a strong Current against us. On the 19th of the Twelfth Month, we sailed towards *Barbadoes*; and the Wind being a-head, and blowing hard, we tarried two Nights at the Island of *Lucea*, where we took in Wood and Water: The People here were mostly *French*, and were very civil to us.

The 21st we put out again to Sea; but the Wind and Current being against us, obliged us to go into the Harbour from whence we came, and tarry for an Opportunity more favourable. While we were in this Harbour, which is a very good one, several Vessels came in on the like Occasion; and a Vessel that came

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We went out again, in order to proceed to *Barbadoes*; but, as before, the Current was so strong against us, and the Wind also, that we could not get forward on our Way; wherefore we put back again to *Christopher's*, and, by the Way, called at *Antigua*, where I had an open, satisfactory Meeting, for which I was truly thankful, and to were some, not of our Society, of whom there were divers, and some who had not been at our Meetings before.

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The next Day we arrived again at *Christopher's*, and there unloaded the Remainder of our Cargo, though much against my Mind. After having sold the most of our Cargo at *Basseterre*, we went to *Sandy-Point*, and there sold the Remainder, and took in our Loading for *Philadelphia*.

In loading our Vessel, *Judge Brown* was my very good Friend, and helpful to me therein, for which I think myself much obliged to him.

While we lay here, I had a Meeting on board our Vessel, to which came five Masters of Vessels. It was a good Meeting, tho' I spoke to them in much Misery and Pain, having very angry painful Sores on my Legs, occasioned by a Fall in getting out of the Boat, the Seas running high, and through the Violence of the Waves, I fell across the Boat, and broke both my Shins very grievously.

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The 3rd of the First Month 1734, we had another Meeting on board our Vessel, to which came several from other Vessels, and some from the Shore, among whom was a young Baronet, and his Host (a Tavern-keeper) with him, who at first behaved airily, but, after some Time, he was more sober, and seemed respectful at parting.

I was invited to have a Meeting next First-day on board the Ship *King George*, a large Vessel; the Master told me his Cabin was large, and would accommodate

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After this Meeting was over, the Master of the large Ship came on board, and said, He was sorry he had not come sooner, so as to have had the Opportunity to have been at the Meeting.

From Christopher's we set sail for the Island of Anguilla, and had a Meeting at the Governor's House on a First-day. We staid at Anguilla three Days, and there took on board some Bags of Cotton on Freight, and sailed from thence the 10th of the Second Month.

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The Governor of this Island, whose Name is George Leonard, told me, That he should live and die in our Principles, saying that he must defend his People. But he did not consider, that his Defence might destroy both him and them, and that such Defence was directly contrary to Christ's Doctrine and Practice. A remarkable and dismal Passage he related to me. That, some Days before, a Vessel came from the Island of Salisudas (which went there to take in Salt) the People going on Shore, the Master told him, that there lay at the Landing the Heads of above twenty Men on one Side the Path, and the Quarters of them on the other, which so surprized them, that they made the best of their Way to Anguilla, where they related this dismal Story, and supposed the Slain to be Britons by their Appearances, and that they were destroyed by the Spaniards, who are known to be cruel to them. This Action being far from the Spirit of Christianity, is a Reproach to the Actors thereof.

Not far from Anguilla is an Island they call St. John's, the Inhabitants of which are Dutch. The Negroes there lately rose and took the Island, kill'd the People, spoiled their Plantations, and burnt their Houses: I lodged at the House of a Person, who went to subdue those Negroes, who were too strong for him and his Company, and the Negroes kill'd divers of them, and among them, kill'd this Man's two

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When I came home from this Voyage, which was the 30th of the Second Month, I met with the sorrowful News of the Death of my only Son George, a beloved, dear Youth, who was taken sick the fifth of the Eighth Month 1733, and departed this Life at my House in *Frankfort*, the 13th of the said Month, about the Ninth Hour, in the Evening of the sixth Day of the Week, and was carried to the Bank Meeting-house of Friends in *Philadelphia*, and buried from thence on the First-day following, being accompanied by many Friends, and others; he was ten Years and seven Days old, when he died, and, as he was much beloved for the Sweetness of his Nature and Disposition, so he was greatly lamented by many who were acquainted with him. I have this Account to leave concerning him, not so much that he was my Son, as to excite other Youths to serve and fear the Lord, and to love him above all, and that they might remember their Creator in their youthful Days, that it might be well with them in this World, and when Time here to them shall be no more.

He was a Lad much inclined to read the holy Scriptures, and other good Books, especially religious Ones; and was always obliging, obedient, and loving, to his Parents, and ready and willing to do any Service he could do to his Friends, in any little Services in his Power he cheerfully performed, and took delight in; he was very diligent, and ready to go to religious Meetings, and an entire Lover of religious People. In his Sickness, he behaved him-
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*Sweet Jesus, give me Ease, for Mercy I do crave;
And if thou'lt give me Ease, then Mercy I shall have.*

Altho' this was a great and sore Exercise, and deep Affliction to me, in losing this promising Youth, and my only Son; yet, considering that he went off the Stage of Life like a solid, good Christian, it was made tolerable easy to me; for he departed this Life in much Brightness and Sweetness, and more like an old Christian, than a Youth of ten Years of Age.

It was usual for me to advise his Mother not to fee her Affections too much upon him, thinking he was too good to live long in this World, and too ripe for Heaven, to stay long here on Earth, or in this World of Sorrow and Misery. This dear and tender Youth, when reading (to which he was much inclined) if he met with any Thing that affected him, either in the sacred Writings, or other good Authors, he would write it down, and get it by Heart; he was, more than common, affectionately concerned for his Mother, doing whatever he could freely and cheerfully to serve her, and told her not to do divers Things which he thought too much for her, saying, *Mother, let me do it, if I were a Man thou shouldst not do any Thing at all,* (meaning as to Labour) My dear Wife, being very industrious, and apt to overdo herself at Times: And she being affected with his filial Love and Care for and towards her in his Father's Absence, it caused her sometimes to turn about and weep, in Consideration of his great Care for and Love to her. I thought a little Memorandum of the Life and Death of this religious Lad was worthy recording, in order to stir up other Youths to Obedience and Love to their Parents, who begat them, and carefully and tenderly nourished and brought them up; and also to love and obey God, from whom they have their Life, Breath and Being, and to believe in Christ, who died for them, who is the glori-

rious Light of all the Nations of them that are saved, and walk therein according to sacred Writ.

As noted above, he got several Pieces by Heart out of the Bible, and other religious Writings, first writing them with his Pen. Two short ones I may recite, of which Nature were divers others, which peradventure may be edifying to some, who may cast their Eye thereon.

One Place which much affected my Mind that he wrote down, and got by Heart, was the 15th Verse of the 67th Chapter of that evangelical Prophet, *Isaiah*: *For thus saith the high and lofty one, that inhabiteth Eternity, whose Name is holy, I dwell in the high and holy Place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble Spirit, to revive the Spirit of the Humble, and to revive the Heart of the contrite Ones.*

Another little Piece was five Verses, which among others he wrote, and got by Heart, viz.

*As one Day goes another comes,
And sometimes shows us dismal Dooms,*

*As Time rolls on, new Things we see,
Which seldom to us do agree:*

*Tho' now and then's a pleasant Day,
Tis long a coming, soon away.*

*Wherefore the everlasting Truth
Is good for aged and for Youth:*

*For them to set their Hearts upon,
For that will last till Time is done.*

I have now but one only Daughter, *Rebecca*, left me out of twelve Children, except my Wife's Son and Daughter.

After this long and tedious Voyage, which ended in the second Month, I stay'd but a few Weeks at home, and loaded with Wheat and Flour for Dublin,

on Ireland, had *Alice Alderson*, my Kinswoman, and *Margaret Coupland*, Passengers.

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pleasant Time that ever I crossed the Seas, about
Midnight we saw several Sloops a Whaling, and spoke
with one, by which Opportunity we enquired of the
Welfare of our Friends on that Island, and sent our
Loves to them, about thirty Miles from the Sloops we
saw a Shoal of Whales, I counted eight in a Row lying
Side by Side in the Water. We were four Weeks and six Days from our Caps
to Cape Clear in Ireland, coming near the Land we
met with Fishing Boats, and got plenty of choice fresh
Fishes in the Evening we got into Kinsale, took in a
Pilot for Dublin, and sailed next Day from Kinsale,
and was out one Night at Sea, got next Day to Dub-
lin Bay, where we went ashore, and were kindly enter-
tained by our Friends; we were at divers large Meet-
ings in that great City, which some of us, while we
live, at Times I believe shall remember. My Stay in
Ireland was about seven Weeks, in which Time I
visited several Meetings in the Country, and at Edin-
derry, the Moate of Greenough, Carlow, Ballymore, &c.
We then sail from Dublin with a fair Wind, in Com-
pany with the Ship *Neptune*, and our Friends sent
many Prayers and good Wishes after us. We were al-
bout forty Persons, Sailors, Passengers and Servants on
board, and had a good Passage, all Things considered.
We had divers religious Meetings on board, and were
on our Passage, from the Sight of Ireland to the Sight
of our Land, five Weeks and six Days, it was the
quickest Voyage I ever made to Europe and back again
to Philadelphia. When I came home, finding all well, I was thank-
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cies, and the many Preservations wherewith he had
favoured me. After being a little at home, and at several Meet-
ings, and not being clear of the World, in order to it,
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thence intending for London in order to settle my Affairs there, which I intended some Years before, but Losses and Disappointments hindered me. Wherefore, the 17th of the Tenth Month, I proceeded on a fifth Voyage in the Barbadoes Packet, and left Philadelphia, and was at a Meeting the next Day at Chester (being First-day) and in the Evening we had a large Meeting at Grace Lloyd's, where I met with my dear Friend Joseph Gill, who had good Service in the said Meeting, and we rejoiced in Christ to see each other: We left Chester the 19th, and got that Tide down the River to Newcastle, and after visiting those few Friends there, we set sail the 11th in the Morning, the Wind being high, and the Weather very sharp, freezing hard, our Sails were so froze, that we had hard Work to get the Vessel under sail. The 13th Day we weighed Anchor, and sailed down the Bay, and the 14th we were clear of the Capes. The First-day following, we had a good, Reasonable Meeting, for the Worship and Service of God, and in the said Meeting, as I was treating of Disobedience to Parents, and Disobedience to Almighty God, our great Parent and heavenly Father, a Youth, who was a Passenger in the Vessel, went out hastily and abruptly, as I was shewing the Ungratefulness of the first, much more of the last. When I asked the Reason of his going out, he said, *It was because he could not forbear crying, and thinking I spoke of him because of him.* He said, *He could not hear me any more.* Afterwards I understood that he was a Youth who was very ungrateful and disobedient to his Parents; the which I knew not of, for his Mother told me, and himself also, that he went to Sea on Account of his Health; I thought his going out so hastily was occasioned by some Indisposition of Body; but it was, as he gave us to understand, thro' resenting of what was spoken, and by his taking of it to himself. I have in like Manner, sometimes observed, that divers People have shewn a Restlessness and Uneasiness

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After we left our *Capes*, we had divers hard Gales of Wind; which lasted several Days. The 28th. being a First day, we had a Meeting for divine Worship, in which God was praised, and his holy Name exalted, for his unspeakable Grace, in sending his only begotten Son, a divine Light to enlighten the Inhabitants of the World: After which we had stormy Weather and contrary Winds for some Weeks, so that our Passage was tedious; and of 15 Times going to *Barbadoes*, I found this the most difficult; and the Prospect was very discouraging of making a losing Voyage, by the great Expence I expected for repairing and refitting the Vessel, &c. so that I began to despair of accomplishing my Design of discharging my Debts in *Great-Britain*, and the Thoughts and Consideration of losing so much of the Company and Conversation of my Wife, Relations, and Friends, and spending so much precious Time (which cannot be recalled) to so little Purpose, lay heavy on my Mind; yet by the Grace of God, my Mind was supported, and my Resolutions confirmed to praise the Almighty for every Dispensation of his Providence.

The 23d of the Eleventh Month, we saw the Island of *Barbadoes* (at the Breaking of the Day) having been from the *Capes* of *Delaware* forty Days and one Night; and was truly thankful, that at last, we, through divine Favour, got well to our desired Port; where we were lovingly received by our Friends at *Speight's Town*, who were joyful at our Arrival. From thence

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I went to *Bridge-Town*, and so on to the Governor's in order to enter our Vessel; but, staying a little too late, the Governor, who was the Lord Howe, was come from his House on his Way to *Bridge-Town*, with his Coach and Six, and his Attendants; but he (seeing me) courteously stopp'd his Coach, and did my Business as I sat therein; and though I made an Essay towards an Excuse, he would not admit of it, saying, *There was no Need of any Excuse.* He was indeed an extraordinary courteous Man; He died soon after, much lamented, as he was much beloved.

My Stay at *Barbadoes* this Time was the longest I ever stay'd, believing it to be the last Time I should go there, and that I should see them no more. My so staying troubled some of them; but growing in Years (being then turned of Threescore) I thought it would be too hard for me to undertake such another Voyage; therefore I was at all the Meetings of our Friends on the Island.

Here I met with *Moses Aldridge*, a Friend from *New-England*, who came on a religious Visit to Friends of this Island, with whom we had divers good Meetings, his Service in preaching the Gospel being edifying and acceptable; we were together at the Marriage of *Andrew Druy* and *Mary Lewis*, after which Meeting and Marriage, I was ill of a Fever several Days, which Distemper was very much among the People, of which near twenty Masters of Vessels, and some Hundreds of People died; and though I had been at *Barbadoes* many Times, I never had so much Illness there before. *Moses Aldridge*, and several Friends of us, had a large Meeting at *John Gibson's*, where were many People, not of our Persuasion, who generally were Iobers; but as I was recommending Charity to the People, according to the Doctrine of the Apostle *Paul*, as the most excellent Gift, I advis'd them to shew it forth to all People of all Professions, and also to their Negroes, telling them, that some of the Gentry of this Island had observed

1736. served to me, that the more kind they were to their Slaves, they had their Business the better done for it; though I observed also, that I had been at some Places, where I had watched to hear some Expressions that might look like Charity; but in divers Houses, and some of Note, I could not hear any Christian-like Expressions to their Slaves or Negroes, and that with Sorrow I had seen a great deal of Tyranny and Cruelty, the which I dissuaded them from. This Doctrine so exasperated some that were there, that they made a Disturbance in the Meeting; one of which Persons meeting me on the King's High-way, shot off his Fowling-piece at me, being loaded with small Shot, ten of which made Marks on me, and several drew Blood; by which unfriendly Action, the Man got a great deal of Disgrace, it being highly resented by all who were acquainted with me; the President of the Island look'd on it as a very base Action, as did also divers of the Justices and the Gentry, also the Vestry, and several Clergymen and Lawyers; one of the Lawyers told me, *I should not be just to the Country, myself, nor the Man, if I did not prosecute him*; another, professing the Law, said, *He ought to be abandon'd by all Mankind, if he shot at me with Design*; many were for prosecuting him, and the People generally took Notice of it with Abhorrence; but he sending for me, and signifying, he would not do so again, I forgave him; and I pray it may not be laid to his Charge in the great Day, and that he may be forgiven, he being ignorant of the Love I had and have for him and all Men, even them whom I know to be mine Enemies. It would be too great a Scandal and Reproach, to expose his Name and Station in the World. Some thought I did well in forgiving him, and some thought I did ill in it; but I spoke my Mind to him alone freely, in which I had Satisfaction and Peace.

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Intending my Vessel for London, I made my Chief-mate, *Ralph Loftus*, Master of her, not knowing whether I might proceed the Voyage, it being a very sickly Time; afterwards my Mate had the Distemper also, but I bless God we both recovered a good State of Health.

It was this Voyage that my Friends in *Barbadoes* published a little Piece I wrote at Sea, which I called, *Free Thoughts communicated to Free Thinkers*; done in order to promote Thinking on the Name and Works of God, which had, as far as I understand, a good Acceptance among the People; the principal Clergyman on the Island, thanked me for it, and said, *There was need enough of it*. But I could be glad another, or a better Hand, had done something of that Nature, and more large. If this may be of any Service, I shall be thankful.

I had also a Meeting at *John Lewis's*, in *Joseph's* Parish, at which were divers not of our Profession, and some who were never at any of our religious Meetings before, who said, They were glad they were there that Day; it being a satisfactory, open Meeting.

After I had visited my Friends, and settled my Affairs as well as I could, and loaded our Vessel with Sugars, for London, being willing, once more, to see my native Land, and to settle my Affairs there, and see my Relations and Friends; on the 6th of the Third Month, we set sail from *Barbadoes* for London, and had pleasant Weather. The 16th, being the First day of the Week, we had a religious Meeting for the Worship of God, in which I was concerned to speak on the Government of the Tongue (having on board several Hands, which did not shew themselves before that Voyage, that were much used to Swearing). After that Meeting, we had not so many bad Words and Oaths as before. I was thankful in my Soul to the Lord, and blessed

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blessed his holy Name, for his Goodness to us that Day, and, in the Night, my Sleep was very sweet and comfortable, being sensible of the Love of God in the Visions of the Night: so that I witness'd the Fulfilling of the Prophecy of *Isa.* Chap. *ix.* *v.*

The 23^d, being the First-day of the Week, we had a Meeting, in which the Grace of God, that comes by Jesus Christ, was magnified, and a Blessing begg'd for all who love and serve God, throughout the World, by Sea and Land: also a tender Petition was put up to Almighty God, that, as he was graciously pleas'd to look down on those eight Persons in *Noah's Ark*, so he would please to look upon us in our Vessel; and that, as, by his divine Providence, they safely landed on the Earth, so we, if it were his Will, might safely land at our desired Port: yet not that our Wills, but his Will might be done: Which Supplication was put up with great Submission. Both Day and Night I often sought the Lord, and was much alone in this Voyage. I read the Old and New Testament almost through, and much of it divers Times over; my Time being mostly taken up in Reading, Writing, and Meditating, in which at times, my Heart would be broken into Tenderness, and I was humbly thankful to God, that my Heart was not hard; he having promised to visit the contrite Ones; the which he sometimes fulfilled, to my unspeakable Satisfaction: Glory to his holy Name for ever. My Heart was also thankful that God was pleas'd to visit me in my wat'ry Travels and Troubles, and in my Separation from my Family and Friends, which are much more, and more valuable to me, than all Riches, and a great Cross to my natural Inclination to part with.

The 8th of the Fourth Month, being the First-day of the Week, we had a Meeting, in which Acquaintance with God was exhorted to, shewing the Benefit of it, and of loving him above all Things, and delighting in his Law, and meditating therein Day and Night.

Night. The 19th, in the Morning, a strong northerly Wind came up, and blew so hard, that we could not carry Sail, but lay to the Wind, under our Mizzen, which was split or torn with the Violence of the Wind, and the Sea rose high, so that it came into the Windows of our great Cabbin: It was very rugged for the Time, and, though it was Mid-summer, it was so cold, that we were obliged to cloath ourselves, as in Winter. The 22d, being First-day, we had a comfortable Meeting after the Storm, wherein the great Benefit of true Religion was a little open'd to our small Company, and the Lord, most High, was praised for our Deliverance and Preservation. The 26th, we sound'd, and found about 70 Fathom Depth of Water. The 29th, we were a breast of the *Isle of Wight*. From the Time we left the *Isle of Barbadoes*, to the Time we found Ground, was seven Weeks. Thus, through many Perils and Dangers, we came to *Great-Britain*, for all which Mercies and Providences, let my Soul bless and praise the holy Name and mighty Power of the most High. It was now a Time of very great Pressing for Seamen, and several Men of Wars Boats came on board to press our Sailors; but they had prepared a Place in the Vessel to hide themselves, and the Men of Wars People could not find them: One Lieutenant, with his Men, came on board, and seeing us weakly handed (the best of our Hands being hid) he asked me, if I had any more Hands on board? I made him very little Answer; he then said, He was sure I could not bring the Ship from *Barbadoes* without Hands: I told him, Sailors were hard to be got in *Barbadoes*, either for Love or Money, to go for *London*, for fear of being press'd, and I was oblig'd to take any I could get: He said, It was in vain to talk much, but if I would say, I had no more Hands on board, he would be satisfied; he having a Belief that I would speak the Truth, though he never saw me before; and he said, if I would say, there

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London.

In the Beginning of the Fifth Month, I came to *London*, and lodged at the House of *Simeon Warner*, in *Southwark*, and at divers kind Friends and Relations in and about *London*; the tender and brotherly Respect which I received from divers, in some of those Families, in my Sickness, will not, I believe, ever be forgotten, while I am in this World, at times, by me; and, I hope, that He, whom I serve with my Might and Strength, will be their Reward. When in the Country about *London*, my Residence was mostly at *Edmonton*, at my dear Brother *George Chalkley's*, who, with my Sister and Cousins, were a Comfort to me, both in Health and Sickness; for I was often in *London* sorely afflicted with the *Phtysick* and *Asthma*, which sometimes made me very uneasy; and, though my Affairs required me to be often at the City, yet I was obliged to return into the Country for Air, and, both in Health and Sickness, was kindly and very affectionately received and tended by my dear Brother, Sister, and all my loving Cousins; the Memory thereof is cordial to me in penning these Lines: It may be truly said, We were very joyful in meeting one another, and our Sorrow in parting not easy to be expressed.

In *London* I sold my Vessel the *Barbadoes Packet*, and settled all my Affairs to general Satisfaction, so far as I know, on which Account I had laboured for several Years, and was joyful that Providence had

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favoured me so far as to see it accomplished; so that I now wholly intended to leave trading by Sea, the which I never inclined to, only on a Principle of Justice; for I was fully resolved in my Mind, that my Creditors should be paid their just Debts, though I might lose my Life in the Pursuit of it, about which I had no anxious Guilt, because I never was extravagant nor indolent, but met with divers Casualties by Fire and Water; by the latter I lost many Hundreds of Pounds for several Years together; and I would persuade all in their Undertaking for a Livelihood in this World, to be sure to have an Eye to divine Providence, who will not suffer us (if we do well) nor so much as a Sparrow to fall to the Ground, without he think it best for us, he knowing what is for our Good better than we know ourselves. Thus when I had paid my Debts, and in a good Degree settled my Affairs, I visited several of my Relations, as at *Kingsworth, Stains, Guildford, &c.* had a Meeting at *Market-Street*, and one at *Guildford*, another at *Stains*, and one at *Longford*; in all which I had some Service, and my Relations were joyful to see me once more, having never expected to see me again; and when I had visited Meetings in and about *London*, I went towards the North, in order to visit some Places where I had never been, and some that I had been at. The Number of Meetings, and the Names of the Places where I had Meetings (while I was this Time in *England*) are as follows: While I was in and about *London*, I was at eighteen Meetings in that great City, at two of which I was with *May Drummond*, a virtuous young Woman, who hath a good Gift in the Ministry, and had a gracious Opportunity of declaring her Convincement to our noble Queen *Carolina* (our great King *George's* royal Consort.) The kind Treatment, and good Reception, she had with the *Queen*, spread so in City and Country, that many Thousands flocked to hear her, and more of the Gentry and Nobility, than ever was

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1735. Known before, to our Meetings. I had some private Conversation with her, which put me in mind of the Apostle's Exhortation, where he adviseth the primitive Christians, that their Words be few and savoury, and that they should be seasoned with Grace, for this great Reason, that they might administer Grace to the Hearers; and truly I thought there was the Influence of Grace in her Conduct and Conversation, whom I pray God to preserve in Christ to the End.

Edmonton.

I had a Meeting at the House of my Brother with his Scholars at *Edmonton*, and also with his Family and divers of our Relations, which some of us may have Occasion to Remember. We had seven Meetings at

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Tottenham, at sundry times, and four at *Hartford*; I travelled to *Hitching*, from thence to *Baldock*, and then to *Stadsfold*, and *Ashwell*. The 7th of the Eighth Month (being the third Day of the Week) to *Royston*, 4th to *Ives*, 5th to *Huntington*, 6th to *Ramsay*. First Day, being the 12th of the Month, we had a Meeting at a small Town named *Finding*, and the same Day, in the Evening, had a large Meeting at *Wellinborough*, in *Northamptonshire*. The 14th, being 3d Day of the Week, we had a Meeting at *Northampton*, 4th Day at *Braybrook*, 5th Day at *Okeham*, in the County Town of *Rutland*, 6th Day at *Long-Clackson*; and first Day, being the 19th of the Month, I was at a large and open Meeting at *Nottingham*, where were many People, not of our Society, who were very sober; 3d Day had a Meeting at *Fairnsfield*, 4th Day at *Mansfield*, 5th at *Chesterfield*, in *Derbyshire*; from whence we went over the Moors and Mountains, *Benjamin Bangs*, the younger, accompanying me, who came on purpose from *Stockport* to be my Companion and Guide thither: His Company was both pleasant and profitable to me in that Hill Country, thro' which we travelled to *Stockport*, where we had three Meetings, and where I met with my dear, worthy, old Friend, *Benjamin Bangs*; when we met, we embraced each other in Arms of Christian

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Christian Love, having not seen one another for many Years, with whom I stay'd four Days. This worthy Friend, though upwards of Fourscore Years of Age, went with me to *Manchester*, where we had two Meetings, and then I went back with him to his House. He was a Man of extraordinary Character, and well beloved, he being a Pillar in the Church of Christ.

When at *Manchester*, I went to visit a Friend newly cut for the Stone, who had a Stone taken out of him, the Measure of which I saw, and had the Stone in my Hand; it was nine Inches about, and three Inches over. Before I went out of those Parts, he was well enough to ride home, which was near an hundred Miles; he was chearful as well as thankful.

From *Stockport* I went to *Macclesfield*, to *Joseph Hobson's*, where I met with *Joshua Tost*, and his Brother, two choice Ministers of Jesus Christ, of whose Company I was glad, though at that Time I was very low and poor in my Spirit. We had two Meetings here; on the 2d of the Ninth Month, being first Day, I was at a large Meeting at *Morley*, and, in the Evening at the Meeting at *John Leigh's*, at both which Meetings there were many People, not of our Society, who were very still, and some were broken into Tenderness. From *Morley* I went to *Penketh*, where we had a large, solid Meeting, and had an Evening-meeting at *Warrington*, where I met with many Brethren and Sisters, who sincerely love our Lord Jesus Christ, with whom I was refresh'd, particularly at *Gilbert Thompson's*, and *Lawrence Calen's*. From *Warrington* I went to *Langtree*, *Preston* and *Clifton*, where I had Meetings, and so went on to *Lancaster*. I went to *Wray*, in order to visit my old Shipmate *Elizabeth Rawlinson* (whose Son *Hutton Rawlinson* went with me) When I came to *Wray*, they desired me to have a Meeting with them; and though there was little Notice, yet we had a large Meeting, divers Neighbours coming in, and Christ was preached to them freely; this

1735. was the 10th, in the Evening, and second Day of the Week. Third-day I went to *Kendal*, and, in the Evening, with very little Notice, we met with several Hundreds of People, Friends and others; it was a Surprise to me, I expecting but a few, because of the Shortness of Time; but I acknowledge it was a pleasant Surprise, to see the Willingness and Readiness of the People to hear the Gospel preached. Friends here are a great People, and well beloved and esteemed by their Neighbours, and live in much Love and Unity. The fourth Day many Friends came to see me from divers Parts, I giving them some Notice that I designed no farther Northward, and hast'ning to get ready to go to *America*, betimes in the Spring; having been from home near two Years; wherefore divers of my Friends, some of whom who had been at Sea with me, met me here. We rejoiced to see one another, and, after a large and good Meeting, we took a solemn Farewell, divers of us never expecting to see each other any more.

In this Journey and Travel I endeavour to be (as much as I well could) at such Meetings as I had never been at before, and because I was short in this Visit to my Friends, some were not so well pleased; but my Call was most to the *American Shore*, where I thought my Service mostly lay, and in order to return I set my Face toward *London*, and expected to meet with my Friend and Brother in Christ, *Isaac Pickerell*, in *Cheeshire*, who designed to accompany me towards the South; wherefore I went from *Kendal* to *Lancaster*, and was at *Penketh* on a first Day, being the 16th of the Ninth Month, which Meeting was large and solid; after this Meeting we went to *Sutton*, where I met with *Isaac Pickerell*; also with our antient Friend *James Dickinson*, and *Christopher Wilson*, a choice young Man, his Fellow-labourer. We had Meetings at *Sutton*, *Newtown*, *Chester* and *Shrewsbury*: *James Dickinson*, was about four-score Years of Age, and yet held out in Travels to Admiration, and was lively in preaching the Gospel;

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 was joyful; at *Shrewsbury* we parted, and *Isaac* and I
 went to *Colebrook*, where, on a First-day, we had a solid, *Colebrook.*
 good Meeting; from thence we went to *Sturbridge*, and *Sturbridge.*
 after having a Meeting there, we had another at *Brooms-*
grove, and so went on to *Worcester*, where we had divers *Brooms-*
 large and solemn Meetings; we lodged at *John Corbin's*, *Worcester.*
 who was very kind to us, as also were his hopeful
 Children, and in great Love and Unity we both met
 and parted. From *Worcester*, we went to *Evesham*, *Evesham.*
 where we had two Meetings, and from thence to *Od-*
dington, and had a large Evening-meeting; the People *Oddington.*
 (who were mostly of other Societies) were very sober,
 and gave good Attention; this was the Fourth-day of
 the Week; Fifth-day we had a Meeting at *Chalbury*, *Chalbury.*
 and a tender Time with a Friend very weak at *Walling-*
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 was with us, and his balsamick Grace was at that Time
 shed abroad in our Hearts. From *Wallingford*, we
 went to *Reading*, where my good Companion and Fel- *Reading.*
 low Traveller *Isaac Pickerell* dwelt; we were lovingly
 received by our Friends; I stay'd here and rested se-
 veral Days, and had several satisfactory Meetings with
 Friends, they being a large People, living much in
 Love and Good-will; here *Samuel Thorntons*, of *Ed-*
monton, my Kinsman, and *Isaac Brown*, my Wife's
 Son, came to see me from *London*. From *Reading*, *Maiden-*
Isaac Pickerell accompanied me to *Maidenhead*, and *head.*
 to *Jordan's*, at both which Places we had Meetings. *Jordan's.*
 The House and Burying-ground at *Jordan's*, are kept
 in the neatest order I ever saw, in which Ground lies
 the Bones of divers worthy Friends, *Isaac Penington*,
William Penn, *Thomas Ellwood*, *George Bowles*, and
 their Wives, as I remember; this Meeting is often if
 not mostly kept in Silence, yet several have been con-
 vinced there through the Grace of God, and the Power

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of the Holy Ghost, which Christ said he would send to the true Believers, and that should abide with the Church for ever; here my beloved Friend *Isaac* and I parted in much Love, having good Desires for each other's Welfare. From *Jordan's* I went with my Kinsman to my Brother's at *Edmonton*, where I stay'd and rested a few Days from Travelling.

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Then a Concern came upon me to visit Friends Meetings in the County of *Essex*, and I went from my Brother's to *Hartford*, and had several Meetings there; and one I had also at *Ware*, which was very large; after which I went to *Hartford* again, I having divers Relations there; from thence I went to *Bishopstifford*, where I had a Meeting, and so on to *Stebbing*, where I had a large Meeting; and had a Meeting at *Braintree*, *Coggeshall*, and a large Meeting on a First-day at *Halstead*, and there was Abundance of People at *Cone*, at an Evening-meeting we had there, where I met with our worthy Friend *Joshua Toft*, and his Fellow-traveller *Joseph Hobson*, we rejoicing to see each other. From *Cone*, I went to *Cockfield*, which was a very small Meeting; from thence I went to *Colchester*, where I staid several Days, and went to several Meetings, as at *Rockstead* and *Manningtree*, and then back again to *Colchester*, where, (on the First-day) I had a large Meeting in the Afternoon, and after Meeting, divers of the Friends came to see me, and were for appointing Meetings for me to be at, in the ensuing Week, and desired to know my Mind therein; after a little Pause I told them, I found a full Stop in my Mind from going to any more Meetings at present, and that I would wait some Days with them in the City, till I saw further; while we were sitting together, a Letter came to me from *London*, that a Friend, *Stephen Payton*, had set up my Name on the Exchange in *London*, as Master of the *Barbadoes-Packet*, which was the Vessel bought of me by *John Agar*, who sold her to said *Stephen Payton*, who intended her for *Philadelphia*, and

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next Morning a Messenger was sent for me from *London*. 1735
 Thus having such a favourable Opportunity of return-
 ing home, I embraced it, and went on Second-day to
Witbam, where I again met with *Joshua Tost* and
Joseph Hobson at a Meeting; from thence we went to *Witbam*
Plaislow, where we had a Meeting, and then went to *Plaislow*.
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 Meeting with his People and Servants, which were
 many; I thought it was a good Meeting, a divine
 Hand of Love was reached out to the young People,
 and they were advised to give up their Hearts to their
 Creator in their Youthful Days; several Scores of Peo-
 ple belong to his Family; after this Meeting I went
 to *London*, and prepared for the Voyage. When our *London*.
 Vessel was loaded, which was chiefly by *Israel Pember-*
ton the Younger, who went with us, as did our Owner
Stephen Payton and *Isaac Brown*, and four of my
 Kinsfolks, whose Names are *Freeman*, with divers other
 Passengers: In the latter End of the Twelfth Month,
 my Brother and his eldest Daughter *Rebecca*, with her
 Husband *Samuel Thornton*, accompanied me to *Graves-*
end, where our Parting with them was, as at *Edmon-* *Gravesend*.
ton, very solemn and sorrowful, we never expect-
 ing to see one another more. From *Gravesend* we
 sail'd the 3d of the First Month to the *Downs*, and *Downs*.
 from thence down the *British* Channel to the Sea,
 and was at Sea above nine Weeks, which we thought
 long, having many contrary Winds; but, after we
 came on Shore, we understood, that there were divers
 Vessels that were much longer. At Sea we had divers
 Meetings, which were some of them to my Satisfac-
 tion. I came very unwell on board; but, when at Sea,
 I mended; for which Favour I am truly thankful. *At Sea*.
 We landed all well and in Health at *Philadelphia*, in *Philadel-*
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 Joy by our Relations, Friends, and Acquaintance; it
 was much more so, because they had heard I was
 like to die; having, at *London*, had a sore Fit of

1736, the *Asthma* or *Phibysick*, three Persons sitting up with me for three Nights, who I thought would see my End, but the Time was not yet come that I must die, though indeed Death was no Terror to me, hoping my Change would be much for the better; for then, I hoped, I should be for ever with him whom I love better than Life.

Salem.
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After I had been at home some Time, I went to *Salem*, and from thence to *Cobansy*, and, in my Return was at *Woodberry-Creek*, and had Meetings at each Place: And, soon after, I visited the Meetings of Friends at *Bristol*, *Burlington*, *Trenton*, and *Borden's Town*, and, in my Return home, at *Middletown*; by the Way, calling to see my antient Friend *Joseph Kirkbride*, and the Widow *Warder*; she was 92 Years of Age, and perfect in her Understanding; she said, She did not know for what End the Almighty should prolong her Days to that Age; but she was satisfied in his Will.

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In the Fifth Month, I visited the Meetings of Friends at *Haddonfield* in *West-Jersey*, and at *Newton*, *Hartford*, *German-town*, *Abington*, *North-Wales*, and *Plymouth*, and was divers Times at *Philadelphia*, and *Frankfort*.

After many Exercises, and large Travels by Sea and Land, my Brethren, and divers others, not of our Society, expressed their Gladness to see me, rejoicing that I was like to spend my Time more on the Land, hoping that I would go no more to Sea; the which (God willing) I determined, having so settled my Affairs, that I could stay on Shore; and am truly and humbly thankful to the Almighty, that He, by his good Hand of Providence, in his due Time, had favour'd and helped me so to do,

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In the Sixth and Seventh Months, I again visited the Meetings of Friends at *Bristol*, *Burlington*, *Byberry*, *Abington*, *Horsham*, *German-town*, *Fairhill*, and divers Times at *Frankfort* and *Philadelphia*.

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In the Eighth Month, I went to *Cobansy* and *Salem*, and was at two Meetings at *Cobansy*, and one at *Alloway's-Creek*, where I met with *Edward Tyler*, a Friend on a religious Visit from *Europe*, and *John Sykes*, a Friend living near *Croswicks*, in the *Jerseys*; here we had an open, satisfactory Meeting: From whence I went to *Salem*, it being their Week-day-meeting, which was large, and to Edification of many. I was also at *Piles-Grove* on Fifth-day, and at *Woodberry-Creek* Sixth-day; in which last Meeting the obedient Son was encouraged, and the Disobedient earnestly called home to his heavenly Father's House. In this Journey I had *John Bringhurst*, the younger, for my Fellow-traveller; his Father being unwilling that I should go the Journey alone.

After I had been at home some Time, I, with some others, went to the Yearly-meeting at *Shrewsbury*, in *East-Jersey*, which was on the 23d of the Eighth Month: It was exceeding large, and the quietest and most settled Meeting that ever I was at there; and many divine Truths were delivered therein. From thence I went to *Manesquan*, and had a Meeting, and then back to *Shrewsbury*, and so to *Middletown*, where we had a Meeting in the *Baptist* Meeting-house, divers of whom were there, and glad of the Meeting; thence came back to *Shrewsbury*, and had a Meeting on the First-day, being the 30th of the Month: From whence, on my Return home, had Meetings at *Moses Robin's*, *Allen's-Town*, at *Croswicks* (where I met with divers of my old Friends) *Borden-Town*, and *Mansfield*; some of which were large, open and satisfactory Meetings. After the last Meeting, we went to *Burlington*, and next Day came home, accompanied by *Richard Smith*, jun. After being a few Days at home, I was sent for to *Chester*, to the Marriage of *John Lee* (who had sailed several Voyages with me) Next Day I went to the Week-day-meeting at *Providence*, and on First-day was at *Springfield*; from whence I returned home.

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The 23^d of the Ninth Month, I left home again, and went to *Philadelphia*, and from thence with *Daniel Stanton*, *John Easton*, and *John Proud, jun.* (the two latter of *Rhode-Island*) to *Radnor* Meeting, and from thence to *Goshen* Meeting, and by the Coldness of the Weather, and crossing several Creeks, I got a Cold, which settled on my Lungs, so that, in Conversation, I was hoarse; but I was helped in Meetings to Admiration; for which I was truly thankful to the Almighty, the great Helper of his Servants and Children. We had an Evening-meeting with an antient Friend, who said she had above 200 who called her Mother, being her Children by Blood and Marriage to the fourth Generation: We took our Leave of her, as never expecting to see each other more, and parted in Tenderness of Heart. One of this Friend's Grandsons went with us to *Concord*, where, on a First-day, we had a very large Meeting, and an Evening-meeting at *Moses Mendenhall's*; and the Remainder of the Week we had Meetings at *Birmingham*, *Kennet*, *New-Garden*, *Marlborough*, and the Monthly-meeting at *Center* on the Seventh-day following, at which were many young People; for whose Sakes I was drawn and moved, in my Exercise of Ministry, to shew the Rise and Design of our Meetings of Discipline.

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First, That the same Power that gathered us to be a People, inclined our Elders to establish those Meetings, and settled them in most Parts where we were gathered, and had Meetings for the Worship of God.

Secondly, They were advised to do their Business, and speak to their Affairs, in the Sense of the same Power, Spirit and Wisdom of Christ, which, as it had raised us, would, as we kept to it, preserve us to be a People to the Praise of God's holy Name.

Thirdly, They were advised, in doing their Business, not to run out into many unnecessary Words, which might lead to Contention, and spending much Time to little Purpose; religious Affairs being done best in a

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meek and quiet Spirit, that being of great Price with the Lord; great Evils having been known in many Ages, thro' hot and long Contentions about Religion. It is also good to avoid, in Matters of Difference, Respect of Persons, on account of being acquainted or related, so as to be sway'd thereby from Justice. 1736.

Fourthly, They were advised to be very careful of giving any just Occasion of Offence to any, to Jew or Gentile, to Indian or Negroe; for, Woe to them, says our Saviour, by whom Offences come; and if any will take Offence when none is justly given, 'tis the best Way to be patient, and to take our Saviour for our Example, who got the Victory thro' Suffering; a safe Way, and glorious in the End. And, as to few Words, the Apostle says, Let your Words be few and savoury, season'd with Grace, that they may administer Grace to the Hearers.

Fifthly, I was engaged, for the Sakes of the Youth of both Sexes, to shew them, that a material Part of the Service of these Meetings, is, that Care be taken therein to see that Persons are clear of prior Engagements or Entanglements, in relation to Marriage, and that they had the Consent of Parents, or Parties concerned as Guardians, &c. and, also, that they, and all that belong to our Society, walk orderly in Conversation; otherwise they could not be in Unity with us, or owned by us, as a Society of religious People: We don't own scandalous Persons, nor admit them to be married amongst us, without acknowledging their Faults, and promising Amendment for the future, through divine Grace and Assistance. Also, in those Meetings, the Widows and Fatherless are taken Care of, that they may be supported and visited, and Youths put Apprentices to learn Trades, &c.

This Meeting concluded with Supplication for the rising Generation, and for the King, and all his Subjects, and with Thanksgiving and Praises to the sacred Name of Him who lives for ever.

After

1736. After the abovesaid Meeting, we went to *Wilmington*, a new settled Town on *Christiana* Creek, which I believe will be a flourishing Place, if the Inhabitants take Care to live in the Fear of God, and seek his Glory, and the Riches of his Kingdom, preferring it to any Thing or Things of this World. We had a pretty large Meeting here, considering the Season (for it was very cold) which was held in a large House of *William Shipley's*; but they are making Provision for a Meeting-house. From this Town we went to *Newark*, and had a comfortable Meeting at *George Robinson's* in the Evening, and next Morning set out for *Philadelphia*.

As it was now the Winter Season, and having been divers times at this Season of the Year in the warm Climates, the Cold was become harder for me to bear than usual, so that I staid in and about home pretty much, being divers times at *Philadelphia*, *Frankfort*, *German-town*, and *Abington* Meetings.

The latter End of the Tenth Month, on a First-day of the Week, I was at a large, open Meeting at *Derby*, in *Chester* County. After Meeting I rode home about 14 Miles; but it was so cold, that my Limbs were much benumb'd, and were not fully recovered in more than a Week. Coming home between *Schuylkill* River and *Philadelphia*, we saw the largest *Meteor* that I ever saw, though I had seen many by Sea and Land; this was in Sight almost a Minute, as near as I could guess; it was a mighty Stream, like a Flame of Fire, leaving, as it were, Sparks of Fire behind it, as it went along, and then settled like a Star, and disappeared. A few Days after this *Meteor*, there appear'd in the Sky an uncommon Redness, with Streams like Fire.

About this Time was buried at *Frankfort*, *John Hurford*, who was about ninety Years of Age; at whose Burial, the Coldness of the Season considered, were a pretty many Friends, Neighbours, and Relations, of the

the Deceased; as also, divers from *Philadelphia*. I was concern'd to advise those present, To prepare for their final Change; that being certain, though the Time is uncertain; which, generally, none know but the Almighty; therefore we ought always to be preparing for our Dissolution, and always watching and praying, lest we enter into *Temptation*; as said our dear Lord, *If the good Man of the House had known in what Hour the Thief would come, he would have watched*, Luke xii. 39. And, we not knowing whether Death will come in our Youth, our middle, or old Age, therefore, were earnestly desired to prepare our Hearts to meet Death, so that we might dwell with God and Christ in his Kingdom for ever. It was also observed, that though this Friend had lived to a great Age, yet that few lived so long, no, not one in a Thousand, and many die very young; therefore they were earnestly intreated, in the Love of God, through Christ, to prepare for their latter End, and not to set their Hearts and Affections on Things below; for, by how much they set their Hearts and Affections on natural or outward Things and Objects, by so much the harder it would be to part with them, when Death should come. This Meeting ended with Prayer for Reformation and Preservation to the End of Life; and Praises, yea, high Praises, were given to him, who had given to all present our Life, our Breath, and our Being.

It being exceeding severe Weather, with much Rain, Wind, and Snow, there were great Floods, so that we could not get over *Frankfort Creek* to Meeting; wherefore the Friends on the West-side met together at my House, and we had a satisfactory, good Meeting, in which we were exhorted to build our Religion on the sure Foundation, that Storms, Rain, nor Winds, might not be able to shake us from this Foundation, which is *Christ, the Rock of Ages*.

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1736. This Winter we were visited at *Frankfort* with the *Small-pox*, of which many died at *Philadelphia*, and several in our Neighbourhood.

Frankfort.

The latter Part of this Winter, staying much at home, I spent my Time much in Reading and Writing, often being sensible of the Love and Goodness of God, my exceeding great Reward; he, by the Spirit of his Son, comforting me, and sometimes melting my Heart into Tenderness, in Consideration of his many Mercies, which caused me to praise his holy Name, who is thereof worthy, beyond Expression, for ever.

Bristol.

Burlington.

In the First Month, I went with my Friend *John Oxley*, of *Barbadoes*, to *Bristol*, where we had a large Meeting; thence went over the River *Delaware* to *Burlington* Quarterly-meeting; we were obliged to get to the *Jersey* Shore on the Ice, laying Boards thereon for about 100 Yards together, and being long on the Ice, and poorly, as to Health, I took such a Cold that I could not get to Meeting next Day; but was at the Youths-meeting Third day following—Fourth-day I went to *Ancocas* Meeting, thence to a large Meeting at *Mount-Holly*, where was a Marriage; afterwards to *Evesham* and *Upper Springfield*, or *Hanover*, and then returned to *Burlington*, and next Day was at the Monthly-meeting there, which, to me, was a good, open Meeting, wherein Church-discipline was somewhat treated of, and Friends advised to wait for that Spirit which leads into all Truth, to guide them in their Discipline.

Ancocas.

Evesham.

Spring-

field.

Burlington.

1737.

Cohansey.

Salem.

In the Second Month 1737, I went to *Cohansey*, in order to negotiate some Affairs there, and, while there, had three Meeting at *Greenwich*, and one at *Alloway's-Creek*; and on the 9th of the said Month, being First-day, was at *Salem* Meeting, which was large and open; and, in the Evening, we had a heavenly Meeting at *Bartholomew Wyat's*.

After my Return from *Salem*, on the 1st of the Third Month, I took a Journey to the Eastward, having

having a Desire to see Friends in those Parts, whom I had divers times visited, in the Service of the Gospel, in my young Years; and though now upwards of Three-score Years of Age, was willing to visit them once more before I died, who, in some Places, where I had formerly travelled, were now grown very numerous. I set out with *Joseph Gilbert*, and several other Friends, and we travelled together to *Long-Island*, ^{Long-Island.} where we parted, and I went to *Newtown*, where I met with *John Fothergill* and *Samuel Browne*; at which Place we had a Meeting, which was appointed on *John's* Account, and his Service therein was to the Satisfaction and Edification of Friends. From thence *John* went to *West-Chester*, on the *Main*, and I went to *Flushing*, ^{Flushing.} where we had a large open Meeting; it was a solid, good Time, and the sacred Name of him who lives for ever, was praised.

From *Flushing* I went with my old Friend and School-fellow, *Joseph Latham*, to his House; our Conversation was pleasant and comfortable to each other, wherein we remember'd our walking to and from School, in the Suburbs of that great and populous City, *London*; when we were beaten, stoned, and abused, only for being the Children of those called *Quakers*: The Priests, who had Money for Preaching, had preached and printed so many Lies against our Friends, that the common People were almost ready to make a Sacrifice of us; they telling us (when we pleaded our Innocency, by telling them, we went quietly along the Streets to School) that *It was no more Sin to kill us, than to kill a Dog*; But now, through the Grace and Favour of the Almighty, we enjoy the Exercise of our Religion, according to our Consciences, free from Goals and Prisons, in which our Primitive Friends suffered much; for which we ought to be truly thankful to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From *Joseph Latham's* we went to *Westbury* and *Matinicoek* (after a Meeting at *Cowneck*) and after-^{Westbury. Matinicoek.} ward

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New York.
Newport
in Rhode-
Island.

ward to *New-York*; where I had also religious Service, and a Meeting; and from *New-York* I took my Passage in *Robert Browne's* Sloop for *Newport*, on *Rhode-Island*, was two Days and Nights on the Water, and on my Arrival at *Rhode-Island*, the Brethren lovingly received me, and we were joyful to see each other.

Dartmouth.
Ponyganset.

After having had divers good Meetings on *Rhode-Island*, I went to *Dartmouth*, where we had a large, serviceable Meeting, at a Place called *Ponyganset*; many Hundreds being added to the Church since I first visited those Parts. From this Place I went to *Holder Slocum's*, and he lent us his Shallop to go over to *Nantucket*, but the Wind not favouring, we had a satisfactory Meeting at a large Farm of his on an Island bearing his own Name, and after Meeting set sail for *Nantucket*, had several large Meetings there, and I rejoiced to see the Growth and Increase of Friends on this Island; where God hath greatly multiplied his People, and made them honourable; Glory to his Name for ever.

The Priests who have Money for preaching; the Lawyers, who have it for pleading, and the Physicians, who have Money for giving Receipts for Health; are poor Trades here on this Island.

At *Nantucket* I had been about 39 Years before, at which Time there were only two Men and one Woman who joined with our Friends in Profession, and now it was computed there were above 1000 who went to our Meetings, they being a sober, religious People; and there is a great Increase of Friends in divers other Places in *New-England*: And whereas formerly we were greatly persecuted for our Religion, now we are treated with more Civility and Respect in those Parts.

Rhode-
Island.

From *Nantucket*, *Nathaniel Starbuck* and *Elijah Collins* went with me, with several other Friends, to the Yearly-meeting at *Rhode-Island*; which was so

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very large, that it was difficult to speak so as to be heard all over the Meeting; but the last Day of the Meeting, our Friend *John Foster*, who had a high Voice, being attended with the divine Power, gave good Satisfaction to the Meeting, and it ended well. After this Meeting was over, I went with *Benjamin Bagnal* to *Boston*, and from thence to *Lynn* and *Salem*, had several satisfactory Meetings, which tended to the uniting our Hearts together in the Love of Christ, and the Fellowship of his Gospel. From *Salem* I went with *Zaccheus Collins* and his Wife to their House, and lodged there three Nights, and was lovingly entertained, as I was also at many other Friends Houses. From *Lynn*, *Zaccheus Collins* accompanied me to *Boston*, where we had a Meeting on a Fourth-day of the Week, and the next Day there was a very large Meeting (the greatest Gathering of People which had been seen there at Friends Meeting-house for a long Time) occasioned by the Marriage of *John Mifflin*, of *Philadelphia*, to *Benjamin Bagnal's* eldest Daughter.

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Boston.
Lynn.
Salem.

Boston.

From *Boston* I returned to *Rhode-Island*, and had divers Meetings at *Newport* and *Portsmouth*, wherein our Hearts were made glad in Christ, and we were strengthened in our Faith in him; blessed be his holy Name for ever.

Rhode-Island.

From *Rhode-Island*, I went to *Conanicut*, and from thence over to *Kingston* in the *Narraganset* Country, and had Meetings, and then back to *Rhode-Island* again, and thence by Water in Company with divers Friends to *Greenwich*, where I was at two large Meetings: At this Place they shewed me the Trees, under which about forty Years since I had a Meeting; but now they have a pleasant Meeting-house.

Conanicut.

Kingston.

Greenwich.

The next First-day, I was at a large, solid, edifying Meeting in a new Meeting-house at *Tiverton*. From thence I went to visit *Joseph Winton's* Wife, who had been long sick, and in her Chamber (with several of her Friends and Relations) I had divers religious Seasons, with

Tiverton.

1737. which she expressed much Satisfaction: She died of the Sickness, and I was at her Burial, which was large, she being well known and well beloved; the next Day was at an appointed Meeting at *Portsmouth*, which was large, and to Satisfaction, for which we blessed the holy Name of God. I had divers good Opportunities at *Rhode-Island* in private Families, and was at several Meetings over the Beach at *John Easton's*, who was about ninety Years of Age; he had formerly travelled with me, when I was a young Man; we took Leave of each other, never expecting to meet more in this World.

Long-Island.

Cow-Neck.

Westbury.

Matinicock.

Newton.

Now (after divers Meetings on *Rhode-Island*) I took my Passage for *Long-Island*, in my Return homeward; and after a boisterous Passage, and being four Nights on the Water, I got well again to my loving Friend *Joseph Latham's*, where I had left my Horse, and on Fifth-day had a Meeting at *Cowneck*, where I met with *Elijah Collins*, *Rose Tibbits*, and *Patience Barker*, we rejoicing to see each other, after their long Journey by Land, and mine by Water, they being likewise going for *Pensylvania*. These Friends went to *Flushing* First-day Meeting, and I went to *Westbury*, where was a large Meeting, in which there was a drunken School-master who disturbed the Meeting, though at last it ended quietly, and I hope well also. The next Fourth-day was at the Monthly-meeting at *Westbury*, where many Friends met from divers Quarters, and it was a solid good Time. We had a Meeting at *Thomas Rodman's*, who was unwell and had not been at a Meeting for some Months; he took our Visit kindly, expressing his Love to us; we had also a Meeting at *Jeremiah William's* to good Satisfaction. Fifth-day we had a large Gathering at *Matinicock*, and in the Evening a tender broken Meeting at *Samuel Underbill's*, and Sixth-day a good Meeting at *Newton*, wherein primitive Christianity was opened, and experimentally declared to the People, and in the Evening we had a good

good Opportunity to declare the Truth of Christ at the ^{1737.} House of *Richard Hallet*, among several of his sober Neighbours; next Morning, being the Seventh of the Week, we went to *West-Chester*, to a Yearly-meeting, which was much crowded, and the People very unsettled, ^{West-Chester.} so that it was not so satisfactory as could have been desired; after Meeting we went over again to *Long-Island*, and then to *New-York*, where we had a large quiet ^{New York.} Meeting in the Evening. At *New-York*, Third-day in the Morning, divers dear and loving Friends accompanied us to the Water-side, where we solemnly took Leave of one another in the Love of Christ, and in the Fellowship of his Gospel, some of us not expecting to see each other any more, and from thence passing over *Long and Staten Islands*, to *Elizabeth Town*, we travelled to *Rarway*, and had a Meeting at Friend—*Shorwell's*, ^{Rarway.} on a Fourth-day in the Evening, where many Neighbours came in, and after Meeting a certain Person was dissatisfied about Womens publick Speaking in religious Meetings (*Rose Tibbits* having publickly exhorted them in this Meeting to be religious, and to fear God, and having pray'd to God for us all, and praised his holy Name) which said Person desired we would endeavour to satisfy him about it, inasmuch as the Apostle *Paul* forbade it, as he apprehended. To which it was answered, that the Apostle *Paul*, only forbade, or did not permit forward or overbusy Women, to speak or ask Questions in the Church; but advised them to ask their Husbands at home, and that doubtless he never intended to debar such godly Women, who had a real Necessity laid on them, and were concerned, by the Almighty, to speak unto, or pray for the People, else he would not have shewed them, how they ought to behave themselves in their Speaking unto, or praying for the People or Church; for if he had any Design to hinder such, whom the Almighty should concern, then he must have contradicted himself (where he shews how they must behave themselves in their Duty of Speaking or Praying)

1737. and he would likewise thereby have opposed the Apostle Peter, who said, *Now is fulfilled the Phophecy of the Prophet Joel, that in the latter Days Sons and Daughters should prophecy.* So that it is clear and plain, they who would limit or silence those, who have a Gift from God to preach or pray in publick, from the Words of the Apostle Paul, they oppose him to himself, and to the Apostle Peter, and also to the Prophet Joel.

Wood-
bridge.

Raway

Stony-
Brook.

Trenton.
Bristol.
Frankfort

From Raway, we went to Woodbridge, where we had a Meeting, and there I parted with my Fellow-travellers, having a Concern (though much in the Cross to my own Will) to go back in the Woods, to a Meeting about eight or nine Miles off; which Meeting was much to mine and their Satisfaction, as divers of them expressed. From this Place I went to Stony-Brook, had a pretty large Meeting, considering it was rainy, in the Time of the Meetings's gathering. At this Place my Son in Law Isaac Brown, with several Friends, came to meet me, whom I was glad to see, and went after Meeting with them to Trenton, and next Day to Bristol, it being their Third-day Meeting, which was large, and after Meeting went home to Frankfort, and there was lovingly received by my Wife and Family. In this Journey I was from home three Months and nine Days, had fifty five Meetings, and travelled by Land and Water above a thousand Miles; and I may truly say, that therein I was favoured with the divine Presence and Grace of God by Christ in a good Degree, and also with the Fellowship of many sincere Believers in him, which in my Return caused my Soul to bless his holy Name, who lives for ever.

Derby.

Newcastle.

Pennsneck.

In the 6th Month, after having had divers Meetings at and about home, I went to Derby, Chester and Newcastle, having Meetings at each Place, which was to the tendering of some mournful Souls, and to the comforting and strengthening them. From Newcastle I ferried over Delaware River to Pennsneck, where I had

had a Meeting, at which were several that had never 1737.
 been at any of our Meetings before, who went away
 well satisfied. From thence I went to *Salem* Monthly-
 meeting, which was very large, and thence to *Cobansy*
 to the Third-day Meeting, and staid till next First-day
 Meeting, which (though small, by reason of rainy,
 stormy Weather) was a very precious Meeting. After
 I negotiated some Affairs at *Cobansy*, I returned
 to *Salem*, where I met with my Fellow-traveller
Elijah Collins, of *Boston*, with whom I went on to
Philadelphia, and from thence home, having much
 Satisfaction in this Journey, in which I had nine Meet-
 ings, and travelled about 150 Miles. I cannot be
 clear in my Mind without saying, that I did not, nor
 do not study what I preach to the People, nor did I, or
 do I receive any Pay or natural Consideration for
 Preaching, it being, as I really believe, contrary to
 the Doctrine of Christ, and his Apostles and Disciples.

This Fall I visited several of the Meetings of Friends
 in *Bucks County*, and the Meetings in and about home,
 as at *Frankfort*, *Philadelphia*, *Abington*, *Byberry* and
German-town. In the Ninth Month I was appointed,
 with several other Friends, by our Monthly-meeting,
 to visit the Families of Friends in *Philadelphia*; my
 Lot was to visit the upper Part of the City, in Com-
 pany with *Phebe Morris*, *Hannah Parrock*, and *Daniel*
Stanton; in which Service we were of one Heart and
 Mind, and we performed the said Service in pure Self-
 denial, and in the Cross of our holy Lord Jesus Christ;
 and wonderful it was, how the Presence and Good-
 ness of God went with us from House to House, and
 opened the States and Conditions of the Families to us,
 to the tendering of many Hearts, both of Parents, and
 of their Children. We visited about forty Families of
 our Friends, and the Winter setting in, and I being but
 weakly, having had a sharp Spell of the Fever, we, by
 Consent, were willing to defer the Conclusion of this
 Work, until longer Days, and warmer Weather.

1737.

Burlington.

In this Month I was sent to, in order to be at the Burial of the Wife of *Richard Smith*, junior; She was a virtuous Woman, and well beloved, at whose Funeral were many of her Neighbours and Friends: It was a very solemn Time, in which Meeting, it was desired that those who had lost their Parents would live so, that they might not be a Dishonour to them; for it was observed of some Children, after their Parents were dead, they grew worse than when they were alive, taking undue Liberties, which their Fathers and Mothers could not have allowed of, which was a sore Grief, and Trouble to their Friends, and such as wished them well; therefore they were exhorted not to do that now, when their Parents were dead, which they would not have done, if they were living, which would be heavy on them, and tend to bring a Blast on them in this World; and they were desired to consider, how they would answer it in the World to come.

It was also observed, that sometimes the Death of Parents had a good Effect on divers sober young People, they being thereby led more seriously to think on their own Mortality, and to consider the great Loss of their careful and religious Fathers and Mothers, and the good Example and Counsel they gave them. This Meeting concluded with a solid weighty Frame of Mind in many. From *Burlington* I went to *Mount-Holly*, had a large Meeting at the Meeting-house, and another in the Evening at *Mount-Holly Town*, at the House of *Thomas Shinn*; both which were open Meetings, and divers People, not of our Profession, were there, who were well satisfied therewith. From *Mount-Holly* I went to *Evesham* and *Chester*, as also to *Haddonfield*, at all which Places I had large Meetings, and then I went back again to *Burlington*, and was at their Fifth-day Meeting. From *Burlington* I went with *Richard Smith*, *Caleb Raper*, and *Jonatban Wright*, to visit a Friend who was sick, after which the said Friends accompanied me to the Ferry; after I was over the Ferry I rode home, where I found my Family well, for which

I was

*Mount-Holly.**Evesham,
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Haddonfield,
Burlington.**Frankfort.*

I was thankful. In the fore Part of the Tenth Month 1737. our worthy Friend, *John Fothergill*, sailed in the Brigantine *Joseph*, *Ralph Loftus* Master, for *Barbadoes*, he having made a third Visit to *America* from *Europe* on a religious Account. His Visit was acceptable and serviceable, and we parted in great Love and Tenderness; the Night before, about the eleventh Hour was an Earthquake, which was the greatest known in this Province, the whole City of *Philadelphia* being shaken, and most Part of the adjacent Provinces, though little or no Damage done thereby, which shews the abundant Mercy of a merciful God; as also, if it were the Pleasure of his Will, how soon he can lay Cities and Countries waste and desolate, and bury Thousands in a Moment; but notwithstanding the mighty Power of the eternal *Jehovah*, Oh how hard are the Peoples Hearts, and how they hate to be reformed, and how unconcerned are the Inhabitants of the Land about their eternal Peace and Well-being! This is really lamentable: Oh! how do Earthly-mindedness, Pride, Covetousness, and Drunkenness, abound, with many other Evils, which were scarcely known amongst the first Settlers of this peaceful, and now plentiful Land of *Pensylvania*.

The 26th of the Twelfth Month (being the first Day of the Week) was buried at *Merion*, *Edward Jones*, Merion. aged about Ninety-two Years, he was one of the first Settlers of *Pensylvania*, and was a Man much given to Hospitality, a Lover of good and virtuous People, and was likewise beloved by them. There were many Hundreds of People at his Funeral. I had a Concern to be at this Meeting before I left my Place at *Frankfort*, and before I heard of this Friend's Decease.

The Beginning of the First Month (being the fifth of the Week) I was sent to, in order to be at the Burial of *Hannah*, the Wife of *John Mickle*, at *Newtown* in *West-Jersey*: My Kinsman, *Daniel Stanton*, was with me at this Burial: It was a solid, Heart-melting

737 Time, my Heart was broken into Tenderness with many others. This deceased Friend was much beloved by her Friends and Neighbours, and there was much Mourning among her Relations at her Grave, among whom she will be greatly missed. The People were desired earnestly to prepare for their latter End, and final Change, and that, as we had all Reason to hope it was well with our deceased Friend, we might likewise have a well grounded Hope that it would be well with ourselves, when we came to put off our Mortality, and put on Immortality. The Meeting ended with fervent Supplication for our future Well-doing and Well-being both here and hereafter, and Praise to the most High, who is alone worthy for ever more.

Philadel-
phia.

As soon as I returned to *Philadelphia*, on the Sixth day of the Week I heard of the Death of *Josaph Kirkbride*, at *Israel Pemberton's*, who told me, I was desired to be at his Burial. He, his Son, and *William Logan*, accompanied me as far as *Samuel Bunting's* that Afternoon, with which Journey I was exceedingly tired, so that I could hardly stand or go when I alighted off my Horse, but being refreshed with a good Night's Rest, I went in the Morning to the House of my deceased Friend. There was a Multitude of People at the Burial, among whom we had a good Opportunity to invite them to lay hold of Truth and Righteousness, and prepare for another World. They were reminded, that neither natural Wisdom, nor Riches, Youth nor Strength, Crowns nor Scepters, would, nor could secure them from the Stroke of Death. *Robert Jordan* was at this Meeting, and had good Service therein; it concluded in Supplication for the Widow and Fatherless, and for Mankind universally. First-day being the fourth of the First Month, I was at *Middleton* Meeting, in Company with *Thomas Brown*, wherein the Divinity of Christ, and his being made Flesh, born of a Virgin, crucified, dead and buried, and his being raised from

Middleton.

from the Dead by the divine Power, was largely opened to the People, and that the same Power must be witnessed to reform our Lives, and give us the true saving Faith and Knowledge of God the Father, and Christ the Son, and of the holy Ghost. 1737.

This Month, at our General Spring-meeting, I acquainted Friends, that I had a Desire once more to see my Friends in *Virginia, Maryland, and North-Carolina*, if Health and Strength did permit, and divine Providence favoured, I not having yet fully recover'd my former Health and Strength, to which the Meeting consented.

The latter End of the First Month I was at the Burial of *Robert Evan*, of *North-Wales*; he was upwards of Four-score Years of Age, and one of the first Settlers there. A Man who lived and died in the Love of God and his Neighbours, of whom, I believe it might be truly said, as our Saviour said of *Nathaneal*; *Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no Guile*. He was a Minister of Christ, full of divine and religious Matter. In this Month I was at *Fairbill*, at a Meeting appointed for *Ruth Courtney*, and *Susannah Hudson*, who were on a religious Visit from *Ireland*, to Friends in this and the adjacent Provinces; it was a good Meeting, the Friends speaking to the State thereof. 1738.

The Beginning of the Second Month, I went over *Delaware*, and so to *Cohansey*, intending home before I set out for my Journey to the Southward; but my Affairs not answering to come home, and afterwards to reach the Yearly-meeting of Friends at *West-River*, the which I proposed to our General-meeting; I now wrote to my Wife and Family, that I intended to proceed to *West-River* Meeting, it saving me much Time and Riding, and after having been at several Meetings at *Cohansey*, and at the Yearly-meeting at *Salem*, and at a Meeting at *Piles-Grove*; being accompanied by a Friend of *Salem*, I proceeded and went over *Delaware* River, and first had a Meeting at *George's Creek*, and from thence to the Head of *Sassafras* River, where we

1738. we had a Meeting, but by reason of the wet Weather it was but small; thence we travelled to Cecil Meeting, and so on to Chester, where we had a Meeting on First-day, then to Queen Ann's County, and back from thence to Newtown, on Chester River, at which Town we had a large satisfactory Meeting, in which it was shewn, that no good Christian might or could break the moral Part of the Law, for it (saith the Apostle) is a Schoolmaster to bring to Christ, and that those who come to the Gospel of Christ, can in no wise break the least Commandment of God. As for Example, the Law saith, *thou shalt not forswear thyself*, but if a Man (according to Christ's Gospel) *swears not at all*, then that Man cannot forswear himself. Again, the Law saith, *Thou shalt Love thy Neighbour and hate thine Enemy*; but Christ says, *Love your Enemies*; the which if we do, there is no doubt but we shall Love our Neighbours. Again, the Law says, *Thou shalt not Commit Adultery*; but if according to the Doctrine and Gospel of Christ, a Man doth not look on a Woman with a lustful Eye, there is no Danger of committing Adultery with her, &c. Those Things were largely spoke to and opened in the Meeting, and the People (there being many not of our Society) were very attentive and sober, and the good Hand of the Almighty was amongst us in this Meeting. From Chester River, we crossed Chesapeake Bay, to the Yearly-meeting at West-River, with Chester Friends in William Thomas's Boat, and sent our Horses over by Kent-Island to West-River, where we met with our Friends Michael Lightfoot, Elizabeth Wyat, and Grace Mason, with divers others (Elizabeth and Grace, being on their Return from a religious Visit to North-Carolina and Virginia:) We all being far from home, and well acquainted, were glad to see one another, being thankful to the Almighty, who had been pleased to preserve us so far on our Way. After the Meeting was ended at West-River, taking Leave in the Love of Christ of di-

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vers Friends, with Hearts full of Love, and Eyes full of Tears, as never expecting to see one another again. I with my Companion and *Armiger Trotter* (who came up with the Friends from *Virginia*, to *West-River*) set out for *Virginia*, and having passed over *Patuxent River*, had a Meeting among the Family of the *Plummers*, one of whom, with another Friend, accompanied us to the River *Potomack*; we rode as near as we could compute it sixty Miles that Day, I being heavy and aged, and the Weather hot, was very much tired, and laid down in my Clothes all Night, and the next Morning ferried over the River *Potomack*, computed about three Miles over, and parted with our Guides. When over this River, we travelled about fifteen Miles to *William Duff's*, had a Meeting there, and from thence to a Meeting of Friends at *John Cheagle's*, and so on to *Black-Creek*, had a Meeting there, and then went to the Monthly-meeting of Friends on the West-side of *James-River*, and so to *William Lad's*, after which we went to the Monthly-meeting of Friends at *Nansemond River*, and from thence to *Carolina*, and on a First-day had a large Meeting at a new Meeting-house built to accommodate the Yearly-meeting; it was a good solid Meeting, and there the Friends appointed for us the Meetings following. Third-day of the Week, being the 13th of the Fourth Month, at *Joseph Barrow's*, Fourth-day at *Jacob Butler's*, Fifth-day at *Samuel Newby's*, Sixth-day and First-day at the Upper-meeting-house at *Little-River*, and Third-day at the Lower-meeting-house on said River, and Fourth-day at *Paspotanc*, and Fifth-day at *Amos Trueblood's* up *Paspotanc-River*, and then we went to the Quarterly-meeting for Friends in *North-Carolina*, which was very large, the People were exhorted to overcome Sin as Christ overcame, that they might sit with him in his Kingdom, as he overcame, and is sit down in the Kingdom of God his Father; that Subject was largely spoken to that Day, and we had a good Opportunity

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portunity with the People, and the great Name of God was exalted over all. After this Quarterly-meeting, we had a Meeting at *James Wilson's*, in the *Barrens*, which was a large, good and open Meeting; in the Conclusion thereof, I told them, That I came among them in great Love (tho' in a Cross to my own Will, with respect to my Age, and the Heat of Weather) being willing to see them, in that Province, once more before I left the World; and, as I came in Love, so I parted with them; desiring them, to dwell in Love and Peace, and then the God of Love would be with them.

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From *Carolina* we travelled into *Virginia* (*Zachariah Nickson* accompanying us) and had a Meeting at the Widow *Newby's*, and from thence had a Meeting at *Nansimund*, and so to the *Branch*, where we had a very large Meeting; many People were there not of our Society, and were very attentive and sober; and next Day, being the Second-day of the Week, we had a satisfactory Meeting at *Bennet's-Creek*, and thence to *Chuckatuck*, and so on to *Rasper-Neck*, and then to *Pagan-Creek*, thence into *Surry County* to *Samuel Sebrell's*, and thence to *Robert Honicut's*, had a Meeting there, then to *Curl's* up *James-River*, to *Thomas* and *John Pleasant's*, had a Meeting there on a First-day, and then to the *Swamp* and *Cedar-Creek*, and so on to *John Cheagle's*. We came to *John Cheagle's* the 20th of the Fifth Month, being the fifth of the Week, and being unwilling to be idle on Sixth and Seventh Days (intending to have a Meeting at his House on First-day) I asked *John* if he could tell where we could have a Meeting on Sixth and Seventh-day? And he said *Yes, he could*. And he appointed one about three Miles off his House, and another six Miles off; at which Places we had good Service; and then had a very large Meeting at his House on First-day, which was, I hope, to pretty general Satisfaction, to the religious Part of the People. From thence

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we travelled to *William Duff's* (*John*, and another Friend, going with us) and had a Meeting at their Meeting-house, and afterwards *William* went with us over *Potomack* River, as far as *Piscataway* in *Maryland*; this River is computed to be near four Miles over, and, when about the Middle, there was a large Swell in the River, so that our Horses could not stand, and the Motion of the Boat made them fall down, and the Boat having much Water in it, being very leaky, she was near oversetting; they in the Boat were in some Concern and Consternation, saying, when we came to the Shore, that they did not remember they were ever before in the like Danger; and I apprehend we were in Danger, and if the Boat had overset, in all Likelihood, we might all have been drowned; and I then thought I was in the Service of Christ, my great Master; and I also knew, I must die, and I thought I might as well die in his Service as my own; so I gave up my Life for Christ's Sake, and he gave it to me again. Oh! may I, with all those who sincerely love him, serve him truly all our Days, is my Desire!

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From *Piscataway* we travell'd to *Patuxent*, to the Family of the *Plummers*, who were ten Sons of one Father and Mother, who were convinced about the Time I first had Meetings in those Parts, and, so far as I know, they are all sober Men. After this Meeting we went to *Gerard Hopkins's*, and from thence to *Patapsco*, had a large Meeting, the House being full before the Friends came, so that they were hard set to get in; to me it was a good, seasonable Opportunity, as was our next in the *Forest* of *Gunpowder* River; where Friends have built a new Meeting-house, which, at this Time, could not contain the People: From *Gunpowder* River we went to *Busb* River, had a good, open Meeting, and one at *Deer* Creek, and so over *Susquehanna* to *Elibu Hall's*.

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At *West-Nottingham*, I parted with my Companion, he having about a Day's Travel home. I had two Meetings on First-day at the great Meeting-house at *West-Nottingham*, which were very large, and Friends glad to see me once more: And after having Meetings at *Christine Bridge, Wilmington, Center, and Kennel*, went to the Quarterly-meeting of Ministers at *Concord*, and was there First and Second-day, and Third-day at *Derby*, all which were very large Meetings, and Friends were satisfied and comforted, and I was encouraged in the Work and Service of the Gospel of Christ. From *Derby* I went home, having been abroad about four Months, and rode, by Computation, above eleven hundred Miles, and at about seventy Meetings.

While I was on this Journey, I had an Account of the Death of my dear and only Brother, *George Chalkley*, a religious, prudent Man; he died the 24th of the Ninth Month 1737, near the seventieth Year of his Age, and left behind him a mournful Widow and four Daughters, all virtuous Women.

When in *Virginia*, I wrote to those of our Society at *Opeckon, Shannadore, &c.* many of whom went out of our Province, to settle in the Government of *Virginia*, to the following Effect, viz.

Virginia, at *John Cheagle's*, 21st 5th Month, 1738

To Friends of the Monthly-meeting at *Opeckon*.

Dear Friends, who inhabit *Shannadore and Opeckon*.

HAVING a Concern for your Welfare and Prosperity, both now and hereafter, and also the Prosperity of your Children, I had a Desire to see you; but being in Years, and heavy, and much spent and fatigued with my long Journeys in *Virginia and Carolina*, makes it seem too hard for me to perform a Visit in Person to you; wherefore I take

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this Way of Writing to discharge my Mind of what
lies weightily thereon: And, 1738:

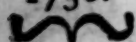
First, I desire that you be very careful (being far
and back Inhabitants) to keep a friendly Correspondence
with the native *Indians*, giving them no Occasion
of Offence; they being a cruel and merciless
Enemy, where they think they are wrong'd or defrauded
of their Right, as woful Experience hath taught,
in *Carolina*, *Virginia*, and *Maryland*, and especially,
in *New-England*, &c. And,

Secondly, As Nature hath given them, and their
Fore-fathers, the Possession of this Continent of *America*
(or this Wilderness) they have a natural Right
thereto in Justice and Equity; and no People, according
to the Law of Nature and Justice, and our own
Principle, which is according to the glorious Gospel
of our dear and holy Lord Jesus Christ, ought to
take away, or settle, on other Mens Lands or Rights,
without Consent, or purchasing the same, by Agreement
of the Parties concern'd; which, I suppose, in
your Case is not yet done.

Thirdly, Therefore my Counsel and Christian Advice
to you is (my dear Friends) That the most
reputable among you, do, with Speed, endeavour
to agree with and purchase your Lands of the native
Indians or Inhabitants: Take Example of our worthy
and honourable late Proprietor, *William Penn*;
who, by his wise and religious Care, in that Relation,
hath settled a lasting Peace and Commerce with
the Natives, and, through his prudent Management
therein, hath been Instrumental to plant in
Peace, one of the most flourishing Provinces in the
World.

Fourthly, And who would run the Risque of the
Lives of their Wives and Children, for the sparing a
little Cost and Pains? I am concerned to lay those
Things before you, under an uncommon Exercise of
Mind, that your new and flourishing, little Settlement,

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'ment, might not be laid waste, and (if the Providence of the Almighty doth not intervene) some of the Blood of yourselves, Wives or Children, be shed and spilt on the Ground.

' *Fifthly*, Consider you are in the Province of *Virginia*, holding what Rights you have under that Government; and the *Virginians* have made an Agreement with the Natives, to go as far as the Mountains, but no farther; and you are over and beyond the Mountains, therefore out of that Agreement; by which you lie open to the Insults and IncurSIONS of the Southern *Indians*, who have destroyed many of the Inhabitants of *Carolina* and *Virginia*, and even now have destroyed more on the like Occasion, [*The English going beyond the Bounds of their Agreement, Eleven of them were killed by the Indians while we were travelling in Virginia.*]

' *Sixthly*, If you believe yourselves to be within the Bounds of *William Penn's* Patent from King *Charles* the Second, which will be hard for you to prove, you being far to the southward of his Line; yet, if done, that is of no Consideration with the *Indians*, without a Purchase of them; except you will go about to convince them by Fire and Sword, contrary to our Principles; and if that were done, they would ever be implacable Enemies, and the Land would never be enjoyed in Peace.

' *Seventhly*, Please to note, that in *Pennsylvania* no new Settlements are made, without an Agreement with the Natives; as witness, *Lancaster* County, lately settled; though *that* is far within the Grant of *William Penn's* Patent from King *Charles* the Second; wherefore you lie open to InsurreCTIONS of the Northern as well as Southern *Indians*.

' And, *Lastly*, Thus having shewn my Good-will to you, and to your new little Settlement, that you might sit every one under your own shady Tree, where none might make you afraid, and that you

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might prosper naturally and spiritually, you and your Children; and having a little eased my Mind of that Weight and Concern (in some Measure) that lay upon me, I, at present, desist, and subscribe, in the Love of our holy Lord Jesus Christ,

Your real Friend,

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After my Return from this Journey, I stay'd much at home that Winter, Travelling now being hard for me, so that I could not perform long Journeys as formerly, being more broken in the long and hard Travelling in this Journey, than in divers Years before.

In the Year 1739, I took several short or lesser Journeys, and had many Meetings in divers Places, as in Salem and Burlington Counties, in West-Jersey, and Philadelphia, Chester and Bucks Counties, in Pennsylvania; having many large and comfortable Meetings, and some satisfactory Service in divers of them.

This Year the War broke out between Great-Britain and Spain; the Spaniards giving great Occasion of Offence to the British Nation; notwithstanding which, King George the Second sought to accommodate Matters peaceably; but the Crown of Spain not complying with the Terms agreed on for an Accommodation, therefore War was proclaimed; which occasioned much Disturbance and Distraction in our little peaceable Province and Government; War being destructive to Life, Health and Trade, the Peace and Prosperity of the People, and absolutely against the Doctrine and Practice of the Prince of Life and Peace, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; a great Concern came on my Mind to promote his Doctrine; in order to which I was largely concerned to treat thereof in or at the General Spring-meeting at Philadelphia; with which Service divers wise and pious People were well satisfied, though some were offended.

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When the Meeting was over, I having a Desire and Concern once more to visit Friends in the three lower Counties, *Newcastle, Kent and Sussex*, among whom I had not travelled for near twenty Years, and being now a little better in Health than I had been, I set out from my Home, and went to *Chester*, and from thence to *Wilmington*, and had a Meeting there; and then to *Newcastle*, where we had another; *William Hammond* being with me, he and I went from *Newcastle* to *George's-Creek*, had a Meeting there; and then went to *Duck-Creek*; after having two Meetings at *Duck-Creek*, I went to *Little-Creek* Meeting, and so proceeded to the *Mother-Kills*, where I had a large, open Time in preaching the Gospel to the People, which divers of them received with Gladness; and there were many, not of our Society, who were very sober and attentive, a Door being open among them; yet, notwithstanding there may be much Openness both in Speakers and Hearers, I have observed with Sorrow, that there are but few who retain the Truth so as to be really converted; many are convinced, but few converted and come to be regenerated or born again, as our Saviour taught.

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From *Mother-kills* I went back to *Little-Creek* to *Timothy Hanson's*, he accompanying me, and from *Timothy's* I went to *Duck-Creek*, and from thence to *Appoquinamy* to the Burial of a Friend's Son, who died of the Small-pox; on which Occasion we had a solid Meeting, the mournful Relations being thankful for our Company. From *Appoquinamy* I went to *John M'Cool's*, and from thence to *Newcastle*; where we had a large open Meeting, to the Satisfaction of divers; though I was very weakly and poorly, as to my Health, so that it was hard for me to stoop to take any Thing from the Ground, and with Difficulty I walked from the Friend's House to the Meeting; but being helped by Grace, and carried through the Service of the Meeting beyond my Expectation, was, with
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divers others, truly thankful to God the Father, and Christ, my Lord and Saviour: 1740.

From *Newcastle* I went to *Wilmington*, had a Meeting there, and from thence to *Newark* to the Marriage of *Alexander Seaton*; the Meeting was uncommonly large, and to general Satisfaction. *Wilmington. Newark.*

From *Newark* I went back to *Wilmington*, and from thence to the *Center* Monthly-meeting, and so on to *Kennet*, where was a very large Meeting: Here divers, *Center. Kennet.* who had professed among us, refrained coming to the Publick Meetings for divine Worship; with whom, next Day, we had a Meeting, wherein the evil Consequence of forsaking the assembling ourselves together was spoke to, and that it would be a great Hurt to the young and rising Generation, and themselves also; being a bad Example to them, and contrary to the Advice and Counsel of the holy Apostle, *Not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as the Manner of some is.*

From *Kennet* I went to *Concord* to the Burial of *Concord. Benjamin Mendinball*, where we had a large and solid Meeting, several lively Testimonies being born therein: This Friend was a worthy Elder, and a serviceable Man in our Society, and one of the first or early Settlers in *Pensylvania*; A Man given to Hospitality, and a good Example to his Family, and hath left divers hopeful Children surviving him.

The Night before this Meeting I lodged at the Widow *Gilpin's*, whose Husband, *Joseph Gilpin*, was lately deceased; there was true Christian Love and Friendship between us for above fifty Years. When first I saw *Joseph* in *Pensylvania*, he lived in a Cave in the Earth, where we enjoyed each others Company in the Love and Fear of God. This Friend had fifteen Children, whom he lived to see brought up to the States of Men and Women, and all but two married well, and to his Mind.

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From *Concord* I went to *Wilmington*, and from thence after Meeting to *Newcastle*, where I, with *George Hogg*, went over the *River Delaware* into *Penn's-Neck*, and had a Meeting at *James Wilson's*; from *Penn's-Neck* we went to *Salem*, and thence to *Cobansy*, where I had several Meetings at *Greenwich*, and at the Head of *Alloway's-Creek*, also at *David Davis's*, where the People kindly lent us the Benches of their Meeting-house, and many of them came themselves, and were very attentive; after which I went to *Pilesgrove* and had a Meeting there, and from thence to *Woodberry-Creek*, and so to *Gloucester*, where I ferried over *Delaware* to *Philadelphia*, and from thence came home, having travelled about 500 Miles in this Journey; after which I stay'd at and about home for some Time.

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I was at the Yearly-meeting at *Burlington* in the Seventh Month; going to this Meeting, my Horse started, and threw me, which hurt my Shoulder and Hip badly, of which Hurt I did not recover for above half a Year.

This Meeting was very large, and though I was outwardly in Misery and Pain, yet in the Sense of the Love and Goodness of God, and Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, I was, with many others, much comforted in Spirit.

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From *Burlington* I travelled to *Shrewsbury*, having several Meetings by the Way; as, at *Bordentown*, *Crosswicks*, *Trenton*, &c. This Journey I rode in much Pain; but the Satisfaction I had in Meetings through the Spirit and Power of the most High, made Amends for all the Labour and Pain I underwent. I bless the sacred Name of God, and may I do it for ever! I made what Haste I could home, being in Pain with my Fall, and tarried at home most of the Winter, which was one of the longest and hardest known in these Parts by some of the oldest Livers here; divers People being frozen to Death in several Places, and many Sheep and

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and Cattle perishing, and much of the Winter Grain killed with the Frost, so that there was some Apprehension of a Want of Bread; all which I took to be Warnings of the just and righteous Judgments of God for the Ingratitude, Pride, and other Sins and Iniquities of the People, the which I was divers Times, and at divers Places, concerned to put them in Mind of. How well would it be if the People would lay the Judgments of the most High to Heart; and when his Judgments are abroad in the Earth, that the Inhabitants would learn Righteousness!

After this Winter I was at a General-meeting at *German-town*, and at Meetings at *North-Wales*, *Horsesham*, and *Byberry*, and from thence, with *Joseph Gilbert*, went to *Burlington*, and was at a Marriage there, and then returned home.

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Visits the Meetings of Friends in divers Places.

In the Second Month I was under an inward and religious Engagement in my Mind to visit the Meetings of Friends in *Gloucester* and *Salem* Counties, in *West-Jersey*; and the 19th of the said Month I went over *Delaware* River, and was at *Haddonfield* on a First Day, and Third-day at *Chester*, Fourth-day had a Meeting at the House of *Josiah Foster*, and Fifth-day at *Evesham*; from which Meeting I went to *John Estabroth's*, *Ebenezer Large* and *Samuel Jordan* being with me. In the Morning we went to *Woodberry-Creek* Meeting, and next Day down to *Salem*, in order for the Yearly-meeting, which began on the 26th of the Second Month, and was an extraordinary solid Meeting, the divine Presence and Glory being richly manifested amongst us:

From *Salem* I went, in Company with *John Evans* and *Elizabeth Stevens*, to *Alloway's-Creek* and *Cobansy*, where we had Meetings, I believe, to the Satisfaction of many; here I parted with the said Friends, and not being well, I staid at *Greenwich*, and they went to *David Davis's*, in order for *Pilesgrove* Meeting.

1741.

Cobansy.

The 3d of the Third Month, being the First of the Week, I was at *Cobansy* Meeting, which was solid and weighty ; in which the mighty Works of God, and his wonderful Power, was set forth to the People in divers Respects.

First, As to the Work of the Creation of the Heavens and the Earth, and of Man to govern in the Earth, reserving to himself the Government of Man ; to whom he gave a Law, for the Breach of which he was turned out of Paradise, and brought Death into the World.

Secondly, Notwithstanding Man's Fall, God had Love, Mercy and Compassion towards him, and promised the Seed of the Woman should bruise the Head of the Serpent, who led them astray, which Seed was Christ, whom all are commanded to hear, believe and follow, in the Practice of his holy Doctrine, which is contained in his Words spoken to his immediate Disciples and Apostles, and likewise made known and revealed in our Hearts.

Thirdly, That now in our Day his righteous Judgments are abroad in the Earth, as the Sword, and a Threatning of Famine, or want of Bread ; all which was spoken in the tender Love and Fear of God, and Faith of Christ, and all were intreated to lay these Things to Heart, and *Turn to the Lord, and he will have Mercy, and to our God, and he will abundantly pardon.* In this Meeting God was glorified, and his Name magnified, through the Assistance of the Spirit of his dear Son our Lord.

From *Cobansy* I went to *Salem*, and thence to *David Davis's*, where we had a Meeting, at which were several People of divers Professions, who were satisfied and edified therein ; and thence we went to *Pilesgrove* Meeting, afterwards into *Penn's-Neck*, and had a good open Meeting at the Widow *Hughs's*, and so to *Woodberry-Creek* Meeting, which, I hope, was serviceable ; after which I went home with my Friend

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James Lord's Widow; who, with her Sister *Anne Cooper*, and *Joseph Clews*, went with me to *Gloucester Goal*, where we visited one under Sentence of Death for Stealing; I asked him, if he truly repented of that Sin of Stealing, of which he had been so often guilty? He told me, he hoped he had, and was willing to die. He was recommended to the Grace of God, and to keep in an humble Frame of Mind, and beg Mercy of the Almighty, for the Sake of Christ, for all his Sins. While a Friend was praying by him, he was broken into Tenderness.

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Gloucester Goal.

Here the aforesaid Friends parted from me; I crossing the River *Delaware* to *Philadelphia*, and so home to *Frankfort*. I was at ten Meetings in this Journey (besides the Yearly-meeting at *Salem*) and travelled about 150 Miles; but Travelling was painful to my Body; for I now more and more felt the Effects of many old Falls and Bruises, which much disabled and hurt me in Riding.

In the Fourth Month I was at divers Meetings about or near home, as at *Fair-hill*, *German-town*, and at a Meeting at *Thomas Roberts's*; also was at *Philadelphia* Meeting. In the Beginning of the Fifth Month, I visited Friends Meetings at *Derby*, *Merion*, and *Haverford*; at the last Place the Meeting was large, and very open; wherein the mighty Power of God was exalted over all, and it was plainly manifested, that if there was any Virtue, or any good Gift or Genius in the Creature, it derived its Excellency from the Creator; and that Man, in his best Capacity, in either natural or spiritual Attainments, hath no Cause to boast or glory in any Thing or Things, which he, as an Instrument in the divine Hand, might help to do or perform; wherefore we ought to humble ourselves under the mighty Hand of God, attributing no Glory to Self, or the Creature; but all Glory and Praise to the Creator, who is in and over all blessed for ever.

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The 20th of the Fifth Month, I set forward on a Journey, in order to visit Friends at and near *Burlington*, and was next Day at a Meeting at *Bristol*, which was large, considering the Heat of the Weather, and the Shortness of the Notice; next Day, being the Fourth-day of the Week, and the 22d of the Month, I was at *Mount-Holly*, at the Burial of our antient Friend, *Restored Lippincoat*: He was, as I understood, near an hundred Years of Age, and had upwards of 200 Children, Grand Children, and Great Grand Children, many of whom were at his Funeral; the Meeting was large, and thought to be a serviceable Meeting by divers. After this Meeting, I went with a few choice Friends to visit *Susannah Fearon*, who had been long ill; in which Visit we were favoured with the divine Presence and Goodness of the most High; for which we returned him Thanks and Praise. After which we went to *Burlington*, and next Day had a Meeting, which was an acceptable Opportunity to many.

Next First-day, being the 27th of the Month, we had a good, solid Meeting at *Trenton*; from thence I went, with divers Friends to *Bristol*, and so home to *Frankfort*; and was thankful to the Almighty for the Grace which he was pleased to bestow upon me, a poor Worm; and that, considering the extream Heat, I had my Health better than usual. After coming home, I visited divers Meetings at *Philadelphia*, *Haddonfield*, *Frankfort*, &c.

In the Sixth Month there was a great Mortality in *Philadelphia*, and many were taken away; on a Fifth-day, I was concerned to put the People in Mind of it, and of their own Mortality, and exhorted them to prepare for it, they not knowing whose Turn it might be next, nor the Hour when Death might come to their own Habitations; and was concerned, in the same Nature, at several large Burials; in the Meeting at *Philadelphia*, they were told, It was better to fall
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into the Hands of the Lord, than into the Hands of Men; and that since we had been settled in this Province of *Pensylvania*, we were preserved from the Hands of Men; there having never been an Enemy in it, in a warlike Way; our Dependance being on Providence, and our Principle against War, and against spilling of human Blood by Wars and Fighting, according to the Doctrine of Christ, the peaceable Saviour; wherefore I believe the Hand of God was manifested in preserving us in Peace: Yet I would not be understood to be against the Magistrates exercising the Power committed to them, according to just Law; but national Wars, woful Experience teacheth, are destructive to the peaceable Religion of Jesus, to Trade, Wealth, Health and Happiness. Our dear Lord preached Peace to the People, and against Wars; telling his Followers, *That they must love and pray for their Enemies, and rather take a Stroke or a Blow, than give one*; and that *they should not resist Evil*; which peaceable Doctrine of Christ, the *Jews* could not away with; no, no, by no Means; O, say they, *If we let this Man alone, the Romans will come and take away our Place and Nation*: Just as the People now say in this Province, among and to those peaceable Men, who, for the Sake of Christ and his Doctrine, cannot use the Sword; *The Romans will come and take our Country, if we don't build Forts and Castles, and have military Preparations*: And I wish it were not true, that some, who profess this peaceable Principle, too much endeavour to smother, stifle and keep under, this peaceable Doctrine, through a slavish Fear, and too much distrusting of the divine Providence, which may cause the divine Hand to deliver us to the *Romans* indeed; at which I should not wonder, since we distrust that divine Hand that hath hitherto preserved us, without our preparing for War, above these fifty Years. To which I know that it is objected; *But now there are Abundance of People who are not of that Prin-*

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On the last Day of the Fifth Month, I acquainted my Friends of the Monthly-meeting of *Philadelphia*, with a Concern I had been some Time under, to visit the People in the *Virgin Islands*, and more particularly in *Anguilla* and *Tortola*; in order to preach the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ freely, to those who might have a Desire to hear, as the Lord should be pleas'd to open my Way: And my Friends having Unity with me therein, at their next Meeting, gave me a Certificate of their Concurrence: Soon after which, having settled my Affairs, and taken Leave of my dear Wife and Daughter, and the rest of my Family and Friends, on the 19th Day of the Seventh Month, I embarked at *Philadelphia*, in the Sloop *John, Peter Blunder* Master, bound for the Island of *Tortola*.

We sail'd down the River, and came to an Anchor near *Christine* Creek that Night, in which there was a violent Storm, which drove several Vessels on the Marshes; so that when the Tide ebb'd, one might walk round them. Next Day we sail'd to *Reedy-Island*.

Island, where we waited for a fair Wind: We sail'd down the Bay (in Company with two Sloops, one bound for *Bermudas*, the other for the Island of *Cbristopher's*) and left the *Capes* on the 23d Day of the Month, and in 18 Days, from that Time, fell in with the Island of *Thomas*, and in one Day more turn'd up to *Tortola*. 1741.
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In this Voyage we saw nine Sail of Vessels; but spoke with none of them: Had a rough Passage, the Wind being high and contrary above a Week, and much Rain; yet, thro' the Mercy and Grace of God, I was preserved above all Fear, except the holy Fear of the living Lord, in which I bless'd his holy Name.

On the 12th Day of the Eighth Month, *John Pickering*, the Owner of the Sloop (who was likewise Governor of the Island) with his Spouse, met me at the Water-side, and lovingly embraced me, and led me up to their House, and, the same Evening, had a Meeting at his House; and on the 15th of the Month, being the Fifth-day of the Week, we had a large, satisfactory Meeting, at which were many People, divers of them not of our Profession, and I think, the good Hand of the Lord was with us. I was concerned in this Meeting to shew, That the last Dispensation of God to Mankind in and through his dear Son, was a spiritual Dispensation; a Dispensation of pure, divine Love, which is to last and be with the true Believers' in Christ for ever, according to his own Doctrine in the New-Testament. *Tortola.*

On the First-day of the Week, and the 18th of the Month, we had another Meeting larger than the former (and the Governor told me, he had never seen so large a Gathering on the Island, on any Occasion) my Spirit was much set at Liberty in this Meeting, and great Openness and Brokenness was among the People, so that the Gospel was freely and largely declared to them. The Case of *Cornelius*, and of the Apostle *Peter* going to his House, was treated of, with divers other

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other Matters, tending to Edification. I was so affected with the Power, Spirit and Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, when the Meeting was over, I withdrew, and, in private, poured out my Soul before the Lord, and begg'd that he would be pleas'd to manifest his Power and glorious Gospel more and more. At this Meeting there was a Woman who had suffer'd much for her going to Meetings; her Husband being a proud, haughty Man, had beat her to the drawing of Blood; he also drew his Sword, and presented his Pistol, with Threat'nings to kill her; but she thank'd God, that she was resign'd to lose her life for Christ's Sake: This Woman express'd some Words in Supplication in this Meeting, in a broken Manner. There was also another (a beautiful young Woman) whose Father had turn'd her out of Doors for coming to Friends Meetings.

I went, with the Governor and his Wife, to visit a few Families up in the Mountains, and had a Meeting, in which was great Brokenness and Tenderness in the Time of Prayer.

On Second-day we visited several Families in the Division called the *Road*, to which we went by Water in a Coble (some-what like our Canoes) there were four of these in Company, five Persons in two of them, and seven in the other two. In this Visiting of Families, the People came and filled the Rooms, and we had seasonable Meetings, in which the People were so loving, and well-affected, that we could seldom go in a friendly Way to visit our Friends, but they would presently fill their little Rooms, and we scarcely could depart, without having a Time of Worship.

Next Day we went to visit a young Man's Habitation (who had not yet finished his House) and the Neighbours coming in, as usual, we had a good Meeting.

I cannot but note, That the Hand of the Lord God was with us, and I felt his Visitation as fresh and lively

as ever ; for which I was truly thankful, and thought, if I never saw my Habitation again, I was satisfied in this Gospel Call, and religious Visit ; though, being in Years, it was sometimes a little troublesome to the Flesh ; being in the 66th Year of my Age, and stiff in my Limbs from Hurts with many Falls and Bruises ; but, as to my Health, I had it better now, than for several Years past ; for which I am humbly thankful to him, in whom we live and have our Being ; Glory to his Name, through his dear Son.

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Third-day and Fourth-day, visited several Families, and had divers good Opportunities ; in one of those Meetings, a young Man, named *Jeremiah Martin*, spoke a few Words in Prayer ; in which Season, we were, I think, all broken into Tenderness ; so that in Truth we might say, That the Power and Spirit of Christ was with and among us, and his great Name was praised.

Fifth-day, being the Week-day-meeting, it was larger than was ever known of a Week-day at that Place ; there being divers Friends who came from an Island called *Jos. Vandike's*, and many Neighbours and sober People, who were very attentive.

Sixth-day, was at several Peoples Houses, and had religious Meetings ; which we could not well avoid, the People were so loving and desirous to hear what might be spoken to them ; they being many of them like thirsty Ground, wanting Rain, and our good and gracious Lord gave us celestial Showers, which were refreshing to us, and thankfully received.

Seventh-day, I went, with several Friends, to the House of one, who, with his Wife, had been at our Meeting on Fifth-day ; he kindly invited me to his House ; his Name was *Blake* ; he and his Wife were loving ; though he had formerly wrote against Friends, he was now better informed. From his House I went to *Townsend Bishop's*, and there being many Friends there from another Island, we had a most comfortable, tender

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tender Evening-meeting, in which we offer'd up an Evening Sacrifice of high Praises and Thanksgiving to the holy Name of the living eternal God, and his dear Son our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, through the Influence of the holy Spirit, ONE GOD over all, blessed for ever. And,

On the First-day of the Week, being the 25th of the Month, we had a larger Meeting than ordinary; and, in Expectation of larger Meetings than usual, the Governor, *John Pickering*, had made several new Forms to accommodate the People at his own House, which he sent six Miles on Mens Heads, the Roads not being passable for Carriage by Carts, &c. This I think worth noting, that their Zeal may be had in Remembrance, and that others may be stirr'd up to a more religious Concern, who will scarce go six Steps to a religious Meeting, or will not go at all. In this Meeting I was concern'd to speak of and set forth the Doctrine of Christ, which he preached on the *Mount*, contain'd in the 5th, 6th and 7th Chapters of *Matthew*; and to press the People to come to the Practice of what is there commanded by the great Author of the Christian Religion; and to shew that the despis'd *Quakers* had learn'd out of that excellent Sermon much of their Religion, which displeases many People, and divers of the great Men of the World; and to urge them to regard the Grace of God, which bringeth Salvation and hath appeared to all Men. In this Meeting *Dorcas* (the Wife of *John Pickering*) spoke to the People in publick Testimony, to which they gave good Attention.

After Meeting we returned by Water from the *Road Harbour*, to *Fat-Hogg-Bay* (where *John Pickering* lives) being upwards of twenty of us in Company, in three Cobles.

These two Weeks I spent in the Island of *Tortola*, to my great Satisfaction. —

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The Journal of this worthy Friend ending here, the following Supplement is collected from some Notes sent by a Friend of that Island, giving an Account of his further Services, Sicknefs and Death. 1741. Tortola.

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ON the 2d Day of the Third Week of his being among us, he visited some Friends in the Neighbourhood, and likewise the Man who had treated his Wife so cruelly for coming to Friends Meetings.

On Third-day, he was employed chiefly in Writing to his Family and Friends in *Philadelphia*.

On Fourth-day, some Friends from the *Road* came to see him, which prevented his going out to visit the Neighbours, as usual.

On Fifth-day Morning, being the 29th of the Eighth Month, he found himself much indisposed; yet he went to our Week-day-meeting, about a Quarter of a Mile. When the Meeting broke up, he had a hot Fever on him: Doctor *Turnbull* (the chief Physician in our Island) thought it proper to take some Blood from him, and he being very willing, it was done that Afternoon, and the Fever abated sometime that Night; and the next Day he walk'd about, and made no Complaint until about Eight o'Clock in the Evening; about which Time the Fever return'd, and continued very severe till First-day Morning; when the Doctor advis'd him to take a Vomit, which he declin'd that Day, being desirous of attending the Meeting; which was held at my House, and was a large, sweet and tender Meeting; in which he spoke to us first concerning Temptations, and how Christ was tempted, and how to withstand them; and afterwards on the Parable of the great Supper, and other Subjects; ending his Testimony with the Words of the Apostle *Paul*,
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1741. *have fought a good Fight, I have finished my Course, I have kept the Faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a Crown of Righteousness:* Which Words, and most Part of this last Sermon, was delivered in great Brokenness; from whence I judged that he was sensible that he had not long to live, though, I believe, he was not afraid to die.

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On Second-day Morning, the Fever abated a little, and he complied with the Doctor's Prescription of taking Vomit, which seem'd to have its proper Effect; but the Night the Fever return'd, and continued on him until he dy'd; which was between two and three o'Clock on Fourth-day Morning, the fourth Day of the Ninth Month, being speechless about seven Hours before.

A general Invitation was given to Friends and others to his Funeral; where three Testimonies were borne all in great Brokenness, under a just Sense of our great Loss. After which he was decently interr'd on the Evening of the same Day, in a Piece of Ground which is since given to Friends for a Burial Place, and on which a Meeting-house is built, by *John Pickering* the Governor of the Island at that Time.

It is said in the Scriptures, *That the Righteous are taken away, and no Man layeth it to Heart;* but, I hope it may be truly said, this was not the Case at this Time for Friends, in general, much lamented their great Loss in being so soon deprived of so instructive a Friend and Elder, whose Care over us was very great; and who, by his loving and exemplary Life, and Tenderness to People of all Ranks and Professions, engaged the Love and Respect of most of the People in the Island. We are fully assured, that his Labour among us was not in Vain, and that many have felt the good Effects of it; so that we believe some of the last Words he express'd in Publick, may justly be apply'd to him and that he now enjoys a *Crown of Righteousness.*

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